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John Yzendoorn — battle-scarred Warrior during the Philips Cup victory over Preston last week.

## We'll get there — Yzendoorn

Australia has what it takes to reach the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, John Yzendoorn said after the Immigration Department had declared him and Ken Boden eligible for citizenship.

"All we need is a little luck," Yzendoorn said. "We certainly have the players."

"However, I think the Oceania qualifying round will be tougher than most people expect."

"New Zealand beat us 1-4 two years ago and although they're getting a bit more praise than they deserve at the moment, I'm sure they'll be hard to beat in our first match on April 25."

"But the team few people have given much consideration is Indonesia. We drew 1-1 with them late last year in Jakarta and believe me, they're no pushovers."

Yzendoorn said he was pleased his citizenship status had been cleared up and he now was looking forward to getting back into the Socceroo squad.

If Australia wins the Oceania qualifying group, it will advance to the Asian play-offs against China and two other group winners. The top two in that series will advance to the World Cup finals in Spain.

"We'll need experienced players in that final tournament, so I hope Jimmy Tansey recovers quickly from his knee injury," Yzendoorn said.

"But I'm sure we can finish among the top two in that play-off series."

Yzendoorn, who plays as sweeper for Heidelberg United in the Philips League, said he did not care which position he filled in the national team, so long as he gets a game.

Coach Rudi Gutendorf has used him as sweeper, right back and midfielder.

In Sydney, a relieved Boden said: "It's mighty mate, it's mighty."

He said the publicity over the citizenship issue had been getting him down.

"I'm glad it's all over, because it's a big load off my mind," he said.

"I want to play for Australia and my game has been affected by the uncertainty."

More good news for Gutendorf is that Jim Tansey has recovered from his knee injury and is likely to resume with Heidelberg against Sydney City in Sydney on Sunday.

Gutendorf called Alan Niven of Brisbane Lions into the squad to cover the left back spot when Tansey was injured some weeks ago.

A Socceroo squad of 19 was named last week, but it is subject to change. Only 16 will go to New Zealand for the game on April 25. The first training camp begins on April 6 and the second a week later. The squad leaves for Auckland on April 20.

The 19 named last week are:

Greg Woodhouse, Allan Maher, Steve Perry, Alan Niven, Steve Blair, Murray Barnes (c), Alan Davidson, Steve Hogg, Tony Henderson, John Yzendoorn, Ivo Prskalo, Joe Senkalski, Peter Sharpe, Ken Boden, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic, Sebastian Giampolo, Gary Cole, John Kosmina.

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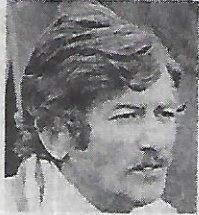
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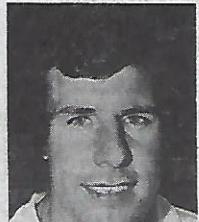
# Whiz-kid back, so it's no to Royle



Duncan Cummings



John Margaritis



Joe Royle

Duncan Cummings is back with a vengeance — so South Melbourne Hellas can do without Joe Royle.

Cummings kept Hellas at the top of the Philips League ladder by scoring the equalising goal in a 2-2 draw with Blacktown last Saturday.

And he scored the only goal in the previous game, which Hellas won 1-0 against Brisbane Lions.

He came on as a substitute in both those games, but is almost certain to be in the starting line-up against Newcastle KB United at Middle Park on Sunday.

Hellas president Sam Papisavas revealed last week he had been negotiating to bring Joe Royle to the club during the English off-season. Royle, capped six times for England, plays for Norwich City and previously was with Everton, Manchester City and Bristol City. He has scored more than 150 English league goals.

But coach John Margaritis says he does not want guest players, especially now that Cummings is firing.

"I am against guest players," he said. "They come here and take our money, upset the side and go home again a lot richer. I don't care who they are — Maradona, even."

Margaritis said Cummings now was providing the striking power Hellas had been looking for.

Transferred from Melbourne Hungaria as a 17-

year-old whiz-kid for \$10,000 in 1976, Cummings has had a somewhat chequered career lately, returning from injury and then spending much of his time on the bench, but with 25 goals to his credit, he is Hellas's top scorer since the PSL started in 1977.

"He's hungry for goals now," Margaritis said. "He's the Duncan of old — probably better."

"Lack of confidence was his only problem. He has tremendous skill — he can make the ball disappear — but he lacked the confidence to move into the box and have a go."

"That's changing now. He's very aggressive and he's working very hard. He's creating chances for his team-mates as well — he set up three against Blacktown."

Branko Buljevic and Arthur Xanthopoulos both came off injured during

the Blacktown match but Margaritis expects them to be right for Sunday's game against Newcastle.

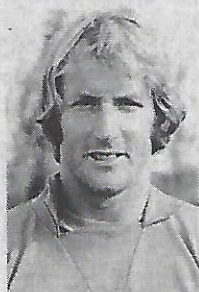
Argentina in

Argentina has won its tournament against New Zealand and Israel in Buenos Aires to qualify for the Coca-Cola World Youth Championships to be held in Australia in October.

Last Monday night a group of people formerly involved with the club at committee level approached the present committee and asked for a special general meeting to be convened within seven days. The meeting will hear reports from the present committee concerning the final situation of the club and the replacement of club officials.

Since last year's annual general meeting Croatia has changed its secretary three times and the treasurer went overseas and had to be replaced.

The player unrest at the club is no secret. McKendry's first task will be to re-organise the tactical, mental and physical approach of the side — CRAIG MACKENZIE



## ROGERS FOR ROOS?

Rudi Gutendorf may call Billy Rogers (pictured) into the national squad.

He was impressed by the strength, commitment, tackling and toughness of the South Melbourne Hellas midfielder against Blacktown last Saturday.

He told coach John Margaritis after the game that he may invite Rogers to join the Socceroos in training camp.

Rogers has played two games for Australia — against Wolves and Pele's team FC Santos in 1972. Both resulted in 2-2 draws.

Born in South Africa, he started his soccer career with Victorian club Sunshine City, then played central striker between Ray Pocock and Steve Bleszky at Melbourne, moved on to APIA in Sydney, and returned to Melbourne to join Hellas.

His tremendous fighting qualities would be of great advantage to Australia's World Cup game — particularly in the tough battle with New Zealand on April 25.

Imagine a three-man central combination of Tony Henderson as sweeper, Murray Barnes as stopper and Billy Rogers as defensive midfielder: all very tall, all strong and tough, all great competitors. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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Branko Buljevic

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## McKendry takes over, Ilie hits out

Victorian State team coach and former Director of Coaching Len McKendry has agreed to take over as coach of Essendon Croatia on a temporary basis.

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# THREE WAY TITLE TILT, BIG DROP FOR ALTONA?

The Victorian State League championship is up for grabs when the 1981 season kicks-off this weekend.

Croatia, Green Gully Ajax and Croydon look likely to fight for the right to walk tall at the season's end.

State League newcomers Doveton, Northcote and Ringwood will be involved in the battle between eight sides to scramble up the table. Altona looks doomed already.

It's 1980 first team squad has all but been disbanded. The club was unable to offer signing-on fees for this season and coach John Payne faces a gloomy winter.

Croatia is unsettled after John Gardiner's transfer to Ajax and the loss of coach Rocco Iffe.

There's no doubt that the quality of players at Croatia and their keen understanding will make the club one of the favorites for the title but there are doubts about its ability to continue the success of recent times. Players of the calibre of Bobby McGuinness and Jim Williams wouldn't have slipped through Croatia's fingers in previous years.

The most important decision of the year will be taken shortly when Croatia appoints its new coach Len McKendry.

Green Gully Ajax should settle into a formidable combination and it must have its sights firmly set on the championship.

The main problem at Ajax seems to be coach Bobby McLachlan's inability to remember all his players names. Seriously though Ajax has recruited exceptionally well.

It stole John Gardiner for a paltry \$5,000 and added Gus McLeod, Kevin Wall, Peter

Lewis, Stuart Cannell, Kit Greechan, Jim Williams and Paul Lewis to last year's few remaining first team players.

This buying spree rivals the 13 new players which Juventus brought from overseas within 18 months during 1969 and 1970. Croydon has added Paul Wade from Slavia, Peter Abbott from England and Ian Loughmane from Welshpool to its first team squad. And the club is after Paul Drinocky from Melbourne.

New coach Bill McCarthy should do well as he has a good squad whose depth was evident in the Ampol Cup Final when Croydon, without Alan Pongho and keeper Mick Edwards, stretched Ajax to the limit.

Sunshine could be the big improver in 1981.

The Shiners have nabbed Nick Lowe from Frankston



Victorian State  
League with  
Craig MacKenzie

City and bought Rob Grams-bergen from Altona for \$2000.

But the big news is that three players will be coming from the U.K. The club hopes to have them here in time for Sunday's game.

At first Sunshine wanted to bring over four players but found that although it was allowed four temporary residents it could bring only three over in any one year.

All four have signed contracts. The unlucky one could be Norrie Pate who may have to come here as an immigrant which will take almost six months to be ratified by the Immigration Department.

Pate, a 29 year old Scottish

striker, is a friend of Rob Nelson.

But the other Scot, 24 year old striker Fred Brown, has been cleared and should arrive soon.

The two English 18 year olds, Harvey and Atkins, are former apprentices from First Division club Leicester City. They were recommended by Leicester manager Jack Wallace.

And Frank Mussel has resigned after having a contractual disagreement with the Shiners so Sunshine's first team squad is far stronger than last year.

Another team which should finish much higher up the ladder is George Cross.

The Cross has recruited well this year. Ged Bannon and Dave Rigby from Hakoah, Harry McKinlay from Croydon, Brian Flaherty from Austria, Brendon Farmer from Altona and Paul Gambin from Ajax will give Cross much more depth.

Tony Cowan and Tony Castelli have joined Perth club Tricolore for about \$6000 and Len Pollock has returned to Queensland club Grange Thistle for about \$2500. Robert Mirak has joined Metro Fourth Division club Royal Park.

As we went to press Cross hadn't decided on the man to take over coaching responsibilities after Archie Campbell's sacking two weeks ago.

Frankston City is under the guidance of Director of Coaching John Pryde.

It has lost Lowe, Bill Whiteside, Chris Valli, Bruce Young, Kevin Wall, Sean Parton and Ian Williamson from last year's first team squad.

Dave Gilbert has established himself as first team keeper and did well during the recent Ampol Cup.

The Baysiders transfer listed Gilbert two weeks ago after his refusal for personal reasons to go on a weekend training camp.

But he'll be between the sticks this season. "Dave's transfer listed for \$35,000", said Pryde.

"That's how much we value him. As far as I'm concerned he's the second best keeper in Victoria behind Dennis Boland of J.U.S.T."

The Baysiders have added Robbie Stewart from Hellas, Frank Thomson from Geelong and youngsters Eddie Ormond, Kevin Burroughs and Billy Deliyannis to their first team squad.

Charlie Egan from Scottish club Berwick Rangers and English import Carl Holford are expected soon.

The three newcomers to the league are Doveton, Northcote and Ringwood City.

The Doves have signed Jim Train from Waverley and two U.K. imports, Ken Wassell and Andrew Elliman from Wolverhampton United are due to arrive at 9.45 am this Sunday.

But it's unlikely that they'll be asked to play.

Alan Quin has settled his contractual differences with the Doves.

Northcote hired Jim Kriaris as coach, signed Kris Kalifatidis from Hellas and Mirko Rujevic from J.U.S.T. but the big news is Northcote's bid to swap young striker Spiros Tssetos for J.U.S.T. striker Dragan Vasic.

Northcote is confident that the deal will be completed this week. Mark Karabatsos has joined Western Suburbs, Jim Loukas is on a free transfer, Giovanni Battistotto is transfer listed at \$1000 and Mike Sogiannou also is on the list but his price is negotiable.

Con Ignatidis has signed a new contract and Hellas youngster Angelo Petrakos has joined the Northerners.

Alex Nelson from Juventus has been signed after the Appeals Board reduced his price to \$1500.

Ringwood has signed Paul O'Riley, David Brown, Jimmy McNamara and Les Fearn.

And Hakoah expects George Hannah from Scotland and an 18 year old from Wuppertal in West Germany.

Hannah is due to arrive on April 17 and the German youngster is due here three days later.

A few late signings are expected before the weekend as the countdown to the season nears its conclusion.

So the cut throat business is about to begin. At the season's end only one club can claim success. Two clubs will drop down into the Metro First Division and begin the long haul back to regaining State League status.

## Doveton V Ringwood

Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

This clash between these two former Metro League arch enemies should go Doveton's way after a fiercely competitive game.

Even without its two U.K. imports I think the Doves, with Alan Quin playing alongside Steve Irvine, should sneak home.

The Doves have a tremendous team spirit.

Assistant coach Ernie Merrick marshals his defence well and Jim Train is one of the most industrious midfielders in the league.

The biggest headache facing



Doveton striker  
Steve Irvine

Ringwood is how to cope with the talented Irvine.

Ringwood's central defensive combination of David Brooks and John Luyten will be hard pressed to hold the Doveton striker.

But Paul Corke won't want to give Paul O'Riley too much room. O'Riley's a fine finisher and should prove a big asset to Ringwood by the season's end.

## Sunshine V Green Gully Ajax

Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

It's hard to go past the revamped Ajax side on the crest of a wave after its recent Ampol Cup triumph.

Whether or not Sunshine's imports arrive in time for this game Ajax must start a firm favorite.

But the Shiners are bound to give Bobby McLachlan's foreign legion a torrid time.

Lowe, Gramsbergen, Mussel, Rob Nelson, Jim McRobert, Mick Dixie and Will Laing form the nucleus of Jim McIntyre's team.

Their experience backed by the enthusiasm of youngsters Dennis Morovic and John Mudrinic should make Ajax work hard for both points.

But there's no harder working front runner in the league than McLeod of Ajax. Along with Jim Williams and Kevin Wall he should find a crack in the Sunshine defensive wall before this games end.

## Croydon v Croatia

Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm

This looms as the game of the round between two of the semi-finalists in the Ampol Cup.

Croatia will have a hell of a time breaking down Croydon's defensive organisation.

There will be a lot expected from Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder. These twin strikers hold the key to Croatia's hopes of getting past Alan Pongho and Steve McCombe.

The midfield battle should be a match highlight. Croydon boasts Duncan Smith, Paul Wade and Jimmy Spink against the probable Croatia trio of Joe Tront, Alan Kerr and Ken Murphy.

On the confines of the narrow Croydon ground the advantage to be gained in midfield probably will decide the outcome.

I'm going to take the coward's way out and go for a draw.

## Altona V Juventus

Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Although Altona is being written off before the season starts don't be surprised to see it shock Juventus.



Croydon central defender Steve McCombe (left) outjumps Croatia striker Carl Gilder. McCombe's clash with Gilder could hold the key to this Sunday's game.

When Juve coach Joe Wilson took over he had a list of 18 players for his first team squad. Only five of the names on that list still are available.

Wilson has stepped out of the frypan and into the fire. He's left Altona to join a club which has lost Bobby McGuinness, Tony Heery, George Gillan, Alex Nelson, Frank Munro and Jack Reilly.

The latest news is that Mendo Ristovski and Charlie Smith can't come to terms with the club over their contracts.

If this carries on Wilson may have to get stripped by the second round.

I wonder how fit assistant coach John Innes is?

I think Altona can salvage a point.

## Northcote V Hakoah

John Cain Reserve, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

There's no way that the Northerners will emulate Western Suburbs and spend only one year in the State League.

They've spent big money to back their new found State League status.

If they sign Dragan Vasic their clash with Hakoah this Saturday could go either way for there's little doubt that Northcote's biggest weakness is up front.

George Bozakis and Kris Kalifatidis form a fine central defensive combination.

Bill Gatzonis, John Nicholaidis and Mirko Rujevic are

a classy midfield trio and "Rocky" Tachiris is a promising keeper.

A draw looks the best bet here provided the Northerners can stop Hakoah's strike force led by the developing Richie McClunie-Stan Webster partnership and bolstered by Graham French and Chris Kent.

I think Northcote can just about hold Hakoah at bay.

## George Cross V Frankston

Selwyn Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm.

This promises to be a bone crunching affair to christen Cross's new headquarters at Selwyn Park.

The Cross committee and supporters will be expecting a first up win after rebuilding last year's first team squad.

But the Baysiders have a ton of grit.

Danny McCluskey and Bob Adams are a tough pair at the back.

McCluskey's good in the air, ferocious in the tackle and forever urges on his team mates.

The one area Frankston looks weak in is up front. Rob Stewart desperately needs an experienced player to play alongside him. Stewart's a fine one touch player but Cross's central defensive combination of Bill Wilkinson and Laurie Bilusic should keep Frankston at bay.

The points should be shared after a bruising encounter.



Ged Bannon (foreground) and Danny McCluskey as team mates at Frankston. They'll confront each other when Bannon's new club George Cross clashes with the Baysiders on Saturday.

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# Muehren gives Butch new hope

**Holland's chances of reaching the World Cup finals were kept alive in Rotterdam with a 1-0 win over France in a European group two qualifying match.**

**A splendidly-taken goal from a free kick by Arnold Muehren, who plays in England for Ipswich, settled the outcome.**

Muehren, playing for his country after a three-year break, bent a 25-metre left-foot shot round the French defence two minutes into the second half.

The goal may have halted the scrapping of what is left of the team which finished World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978.

Holland, having lost two of its three World Cup qualifying matches, needed a win to retain any hope of going through to the finals in Spain next year.

Captain Kees Rijvers chose his most experienced line-up but former captain Johan Cruyff withdrew. Rijvers had warned that if the team lost he would drop the veterans and rebuild.

In Ankara, Wales moved a step nearer a place in the cup finals next year by beating Turkey 1-0.

In a scrappy game dominated by the Turks, Carl

Harris grabbed the only goal in the 68th minute when he pounced on an appalling defensive mistake by Husnu.

The unfortunate defender made his only error of this European group three qualifying match when he headed down a cross from the right and it fell straight to Harris' left foot.

His shot gave goalkeeper Senol no chance.

Welsh goalkeeper Dai Davies, making his 41st international appearance, denied the Turks an equaliser with a brave diving save at the feet of the menacing Tuncay in the closing minutes.

The ball rebounded to Halil Ibrahim whose shot was also blocked by Davies.

Wales heads the group with maximum points from four games.

It is followed by the Soviet Union, which has won its opening two games.

Scotland, looking for the win which would have earned it a firm lead in qualifying Group Six, survived a fright against neighbour Northern Ireland and settled for a point in their World Cup match.

With 20 minutes left the Irish took the lead when Billy Hamilton headed a Sammy McIlroy cross past goalkeeper Rough.

But the Scots raised their game and five minutes later John Wark, voted player of the year by footballers in the English League, drove a through ball from Willie Miller first-time into the net.

At times the Scots seemed to have the measure of an Irish team badly hit by injuries but at other moments it was their own injured stars, Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Sounes, who were most conspicuously missed.

In Brussels a late goal from striker Jan Ceulemans gave Belgium a 1-0 victory over Ireland in their World Cup Group Two qualifying match.

Brilliant goalkeeping by Ireland's Jim McDonagh and Belgian Michel Prodhomme seemed to have assured a goal-less 90 minutes.

But, four minutes from time, Belgium was awarded a free kick on the edge of the penalty area.

Rene Vandereycken curled his shot over the Irish wall. It hit the bar, rebounded — and Ceulemans leaped above a sea of heads to nod it in. McDonagh lay motionless on the sodden turf and 45,000 Belgian fans erupted in glee.

Minutes earlier, McDonald seemed to have saved the Irish, when, after Ceulemans had worked a clever cross to Erwin Vandenberghe, he pulled off a breathtaking one-handed save.

The game came to life in the second half despite torrential rain and a background of thunder and lightning.

Each team attacked boldly by turn and either could have won.

**WORLD CUP EUROPEAN ZONE — Group Two:** Belgium 1 (Ceulemans), Ireland 0; Netherlands 1 (Muehren), France 0. **Group Three:** Turkey 0, Wales 1

(Harris), Group Six: Scotland 1 (Ward), N. Ireland 1 (Hamilton).

**WORLD CUP ASIAN ZONE — Group Two:** Iraq 2 (Ahmed, Matar), Bahrain 0.

**FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL — England 1 (Hodde), Spain 2 (Satristequi, Zamora).**

**EUROPEAN STANDINGS**

**GROUP TWO**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	1	0	8	3	9
Ireland	3	1	2	12	7	7
France	2	0	1	9	1	4
Netherlands	2	0	2	5	3	4
Cyprus	0	0	6	4	24	0

**GROUP THREE**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	0	0	10	0	8
USSR	2	0	0	7	1	4
Czech	1	0	1	2	1	2
Iceland	1	0	3	4	12	2
Turkey	0	0	4	1	10	0

**GROUP SIX**

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	3	1	6
Portugal	2	1	0	4	0	5
N. Ireland	1	2	1	4	2	4
Israel	0	3	2	1	5	3
Sweden	0	2	2	1	5	2

## AROK TIE ACE

If I were able to buy a PSL franchise, become president of one of our clubs or in the position to appoint a national team supremo (none of which is likely to happen) Frank Arok is the man I would choose to look after my affairs.

For me he is the best all-round manager/coach to have operated in Australia and hopefully he will continue to operate here for many years to come.

Australian soccer desperately needs men of his calibre.

My opinion of the man is based not solely on his track record which is one of the most impressive in recent times. It is based on playing under him, captaining his

team and working full time with him for three years.

In all these activities I developed a tremendous respect for him, despite our many differences of opinion.

He comes the closest I have seen to the complete all-round manager/coach who is equally at ease behind the office desk as out on the training field.

Coach, trainer, manager, public relations man, youth developer, long-term planner, committee controller, finance man, he scores high marks in all these departments.

St George has made few correct decisions in recent years and has paid for its poor decisions with its inevitable relegation from the PSL.

Its appointment of Frank Arok, this year, is one of those few good decisions.

Already Saints are showing the benefits of Arok's return and are favourites to win the State League — and possible return to the PSL — even though the season is only several weeks old.

I spoke to Frank last week to get his opinion on the improvement of soccer that he may have seen in our game since he was last here — 1969, 1970, 1972 and briefly for several weeks last year.

His impressions are based on the NSW State League, on seeing the national team only once and most of the clubs only a couple of times.

His impressions are interesting, as he understands and has worked in our part-time setup and can look at Australian soccer a lot more objectively, due to his absence of several years.

Some Arok impressions: —

The standard: The average standard of PSL teams is a lot higher than in the NSW State League of the early 70's. The teams are much fitter overall and the clubs themselves more "professional".

At the same time there are still the clumsy teams, today that there were then — Ha-koh, APIA, St George and

Yugal were teams that don't exist today.

He feels any of these sides would win the PSL today — not easily, but they would certainly win it.

In those days there were only four or five good teams, today there are 16 good teams in the PSL.

The PSL clubs: Generally they don't win many marks from Arok for their defensive attitude and feels that overall the games are not attractive and attacking enough to fill the terraces.

He liked what he saw of Marconi and Adelaide City last year and this year rates both Melbourne as the best side again based on seeing only a few PSL games due to his State League commitments.

Of South Melbourne he states that the team is not just training but playing with style, system, method and understanding.

He is likewise amazed at Wollongong's early season



## JOHNNY WARREN

success and applauds the efforts of all concerned at Wollongong to be able to build so well so quickly.

Overall, the clubs are much more professional today than they were in the early seventies and he cites Newcastle KB for its completely professional approach to every aspect of the game as the model all clubs should strive to emulate.

Grounds: They are vastly improved but although the playing fields have shown marked improvement, the more important training facilities needed prompt attention if the game is to progress: not just training grounds but training aids for the coaches and players. Even Saints, with their new stadium, have poor training facilities.

Australia should qualify for the World Cup: Although only seeing the national team once (v. Mexico in Sydney) he felt it would be too strong for NZ, with the proviso that it at least draws with the Kiwis in New Zealand in the first game.

Without being drawn into criticism of the national team ("I have enough problems of my own") he felt the team lacked the eight regular selected players needed for any successful club or national team.

On the few observations he rated Boden, Cole, Davidson, Krucic, Byrne, Valeri ("a real talent") and both Henderson and Muniz (on last year's form only) as the best players.

Apart from training grounds, the biggest disappointment had been the progress in the much-publicised area of junior soccer.

Unfortunately the set-up hadn't progressed since the early seventies. There was still the same problems with the system throwing up kids

who still don't have enough skill.

Lack of skilled youngsters, "without skill you can't do anything", was still holding the game back.

He also was critical, and rightly so, of the fact that although clubs talked about it there was still an absence of meaningful youth development policies.

Finally on St George, naturally his aim is to win the State League and in this area he sees Croatia as the biggest threat, with Melita and Polonia as the other main dangers to Saints' chances of a quick return to the PSL.

Although I have had my differences with Saints, after 14 seasons with them, I wish them well.

One thing is for sure. They couldn't have a better man at the helm than Frank Arok.

For me, he is the best there has been in this business in my time in Australian soccer.

## PSL is fourth-class, so who wants to go?

The importation of overseas players has intensified in recent months as desperate clubs seek instant success.

Most of the players coming into the country at the moment are from lowly leagues, mainly the Fourth Division in England.

I have received many letters from English and Scottish players in recent weeks asking me to try to place them in this country.

Almost all are on free transfers from the English First, sometimes Third Divisions.

John Dempsey, the ex-Fulham and Chelsea stopper, seems to have written to people and newspapers all over Australia.

The renewed surge to sign mediocre talent from overseas points to several things in our soccer set-up.

The fact that clubs are still so eager to sign these lowly performed overseas players indicates that they consider them superior to local talent and of course, often cheaper.



Mike Johnson

I have stated many times that the standard of the Phillips league, is only that of the English Fourth Division, if that.

We should face up to this fact.

It is the major reason why people do not watch our games in great numbers.

Nowhere in the world do people watch low standard soccer in great numbers.

It is preposterous for coaches from overseas, such as Rudi Gutendorf and others to state that such and such Australian player would be a star worth \$500,000 overseas and that our best teams could compete in second or even first division leagues overseas.

The success here of Wollongong City, built mainly on

Following an article by Charlie Perkins in last week's "Soccer Action" about the faults within our soccer structure, Mike Johnson writes it is our playing standard that needs to be improved for the game to win universal acceptance in this country. Johnson puts his views on how the playing standard could be improved in the short and long term.

players from the lower divisions of English soccer gives a clear indication as to the current standard of the game in Australia.

All the gimmickry and marketing expertise in the world cannot hide that fact from the person who watches our games, whether on TV or out there on the terraces.

That being the case the game cannot receive the boost it needs if it relies on mediocre talent from overseas.

There are four ways the game can be improved here — three are short-term and the other is long-term.

The first step should be to again allow "star" imports to guest for clubs.

We need the Fashanus, Johan Cruyffs, Beckenbausers and Maradonas to give the game colour and set new standards for our own players — the blossoming Australian stars, not the fading imports.

It does not matter that some clubs can get a short-term advantage from star guests.

It is up to the clubs to tempt the stars here and let it be a competitive situation like any other, with a limit on the number of guests a club can have in a season.

We also need star coaches to come here, if not for a season then in the close to bring new knowledge and their vast experience to our coaches who find it so expensive and generally difficult to make trips overseas.

Frank Arok, each time he has come to Australia, has introduced new ideas which have helped him and the game here.

We need a higher standard of coaching of Phillips League and State league levels.

We criticise our junior coaches for failing to coach properly our young players. Yet at age 15 our best youngsters are close in standard to those overseas.

The same cannot be said when they reach age 21-23.

So what happened to their development through their teens and early 20's in our senior clubs?

We need more star players and more star coaches — and

we can afford them, at least for guest appearances.

A third short-term measure to increase our playing standard is to have players placed in employment which allows them to train each afternoon, or morning, instead of at night as at present.

I do not believe we ever will get full-time professionalism in our soccer, but I do think we can get a modified version where players are placed in employment with club sponsors, with the affiliated social club, and so on which allows them time off to train each working day.

Take a typical squad at say, Marconi.

Some of the players could be placed in jobs with the Datsun sponsor, in the office or selling — whatever, depending on their talents.

Others could work for the Marconi social club.

Some of the players, such as Mark Jankovics would be self employed so they can organise their time to allow day-time training.

Others could work for sympathetic employers like Umbro, Rothmans, Phillips and so on.

It is possible for a squad of 18 players to find such work which places a bigger emphasis on soccer and a lesser emphasis on career.

From the player's point of view he still would be learning and developing a career, but his major preoccupation would be his soccer.

Currently the emphasis is the other way around, with work taking precedence over soccer.

St George general manager, Les Bordsdals told me a year ago that St George was almost in a position to adopt such a player policy.

If our Phillips Leagues clubs could make this transition, the standard of our game would improve 10 percent overnight.

I am quite sure this modified form of professionalism will come eventually could we not accelerate its arrival?

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# PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

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South Melbourne	3	0	0	4	1	1	2	0	6	5	10:8	10
Wollongong	2	1	0	6	3	1	2	0	5	2	11:5	9
Sydney City	2	1	0	7	1	1	1	1	3	4	10:5	8
Newcastle KB Utd	1	2	0	5	2	2	0	1	3	2	8:4	8
Canberra City	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	0	3	1	6:2	8
Leichhardt	1	2	0	4	3	2	0	1	4	3	8:6	8
Brisbane City	2	1	0	5	1	0	2	1	2	4	7:5	7
*Marconi Datsun	1	1	1	2	3	2	0	2	3	7	5:10	7
Preston	2	0	1	6	2	1	0	2	4	5	10:7	6
Brisbane Lions	1	1	1	3	3	0	2	1	2	3	5:8	5
*Heidelberg Utd	2	0	2	5	6	0	1	2	4	7	9:13	5
West Adelaide	1	0	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	4	6:7	4
Adelaide City	1	0	2	3	3	0	2	1	2	4	5:7	4
Blacktown	0	2	1	4	5	0	2	1	2	4	6:9	4
*Sydney Olympic	1	2	0	7	5	0	0	4	2	10	9:15	4
*Footscray	1	1	2	5	6	0	0	3	1	8	6:14	3

\* Played one game more than the rest.

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

COE (1)  
(Brisb.C)RUSSELL (1) BENNETT (1) KYRIAKOULEAS (1) HAZABENT (2)  
(Adel.C) (Brisb.L) (Footscray) (Footscray)KATHOLOS (2)  
(Syd.OI.)LATHAN (1)  
(Woll.)ROONEY (1)  
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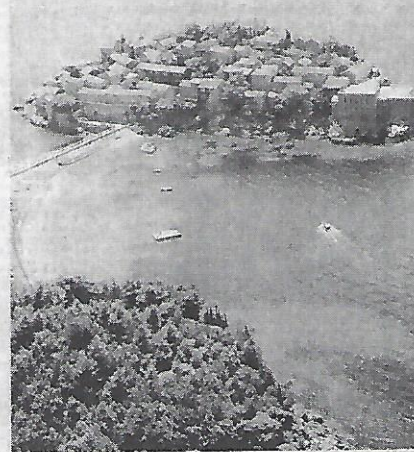
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Day 7 Sunday — DUBROVNIK.

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FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Cozzella) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Mirchell) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:  
6. Kyriakoules (F), 5. Russell (AC), 4. Hazabent (F), 3. Boland (F), 2. Mitchell (AC), 1. Perin (AC).BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Hogg, Bryce) PRESTON MAKE-DONIA 1 (Cullen) at Richlands Stadium. Votes by Bruce Waddell:  
6. Bryce (BL), 5. Bennett (BL), 4. Cullen (P), 3. Ontong (BL), 2. Lucchesi (P), 1. Hogg (BL).HEIDELBERG UTD. 2 (Bozika, Yankos) BRISBANE CITY 0 at Olympic Park No. 2. Votes by Kyle Patterson:  
6. Coa (BC), 5. Rooney (HU), 4. Yaendoom (HU), 3. Provan (HU), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. Cole (HU).SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Raskopoulos, Gavin) SUNDAY CITY 2 (Boden, Barnes) at Pratten Park. Votes by Tom Anderson:  
6. Katholos (SO), 5. Boden (SC), 4. Koussas (SO), 3. Koussas (SC), 2. Raskopoulos (SO), 1. Laing (SO).BLACKTOWN 2 (Culina, Cuk) SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Evans, Cummings) at Gabbie Stadium. Votes by Roger Shearlock:  
6. Djordjevic (B), 5. Culina (B), 4. Rogers (SM), 3. Burrows (B), 2. Evans (SM), 1. Pointer (B).NEWCASTLE (drinkwater) WOLLONGONG 1 (Fontana) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:  
6. Lathan (W), 5. Campbell (W), 4. Bertogna (N), 3. Adam (W), 2. McClelland (N), 1. De Graaf (W).WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Brown) LEICHHARDT 2 (O'Connor, Giampolo) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Memo Toutouidis:  
6. O'Connor (L), 5. Giampolo (L), 4. Brown (WA), 3. Crook (WA), 2. Soper (L), 1. Kafka (L).MARCONI 0 CANBERRA 2 (Valeri 2 incl. pen) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Ted Smith:  
6. McLaren (C), 5. Valeri (C), 4. Brennan (C), 3. Maher (M), 2. Byrne (C), 1. R. O'Shea (C).21. Ilioski (F), Ollerton (P).  
20. Cullen (P), T. Byrne (C), C. Campbell (W).  
19. Hermiston (BL).  
18. Kosmina (SC).  
17. Brown (P).  
16. Ontong (BL), Coe (BC).  
15. Boden (SC), Maher (M), Djordjevic (Black).  
14. De Graaf (W), P. Wilkinson (BC), Russell (AC), Katholos (SO), Boyle (WA).  
13. Kyriakoules (F), Adam (W), Bennett (BL), G. Byrne (M), Bertogna (Newc), Evans (SM), O'Connor, Kafka (L).



# Newcastle or Hellas, Culina comes home

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**Dreams of winning the 1981 PSL title could be in tatters after Sunday's Middle Park clash between South Melbourne Hellas and Newcastle KB United.**

Both clubs have been widely tipped as title contenders. About 5pm Sunday we'll know the contender from the pretender.

If Hellas entertains serious thoughts of winning the title it must meet the challenge of a fellow title contender head on and come out of the clash on top.

An away point to Alan Vest's side would maintain its impetus toward top spot and dent the dreams of the Hellas supporters.

Hellas will have a hell of a job to break through KB's defensive organisation. Arno Bertogna has received rave reviews recently and his clash with Hellas target man Alan Evans could have a big bearing on the outcome of this important game.

Alongside Bertogna, Paul Reaney, Roy Drinkwater and Col Curran form the most experienced defence in the PSL.

Most critics have pointed to Hellas's attack when trying to pin-point the area where Hellas's title hopes could fall down.

Hellas's interest in top English striker Joe Royle suggests that club officials believe the side lacks a top class finisher to feed from the good work of Branko Buljevic and Evans.

The game is sure to be fought out at a competitive intensity worthy of a Cup final. There's a lot at stake but Hellas may be forced to accept a point when the dust settles after this battle.

A game between Sydney City and Heidelberg should whet the appetite of even the least devoted soccer follower.

Heidelberg has recaptured most of the form of yesteryear while the Slickers continue to march toward the title.

There's no denying the glamorous Sydney side. Since the inception of the PSL Sydney City has hovered near top spot.

The Slickers are the most consistent side in Australia and they'll be out to grind the Bergers into the Sydney Athletic Field, pick them up at the game's end and send them on the first flight back to Melbourne.

Jim Rooney's side has improved a lot but I can't see it escaping with a point from this clash.

Rale Basic takes his offside trap to Connor Reserve on Sunday hoping to put a spoke in the works of the fastest forward line in the PSL.

**IN MELBOURNE**  
**PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Blacktown** at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3pm.

**South Melbourne Hellas v Newcastle (draw)** at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 - SMH 3-0, 1-1. 1979 - Newc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 - Newc 1-0, 0-0. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss. Goals 6-8.

**IN SYDNEY**  
**SYDNEY CITY v Heidelberg** at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - SC 3-1, 1-1. 1978 - SC 2-1, 1-1. 1979 - Heid 3-1, 2-2. 1980 - 1-1, 0-0. Advantage Sydney City 2 wins, 5 draws, 1 loss. Goals 11-10.

**MARCONI v West Adelaide** at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - Marc 2-1, 1-0. 1978 - Marc 2-0, WA 2-1. 1979 - Marc 2-1, 2-1. 1980 - Marc 2-1, 1-0. Advantage Marconi 7 wins, 1 loss. Goals 13-6.

**IN ADELAIDE**  
**ADELAIDE CITY v Brisbane Lions (draw)** at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30pm. Previous results: 1977 - 1-1, 0-0. 1978 - BL 4-1, 3-1. 1979 - AC 6-0, 2-0. 1980 - AC 2-1, 0-0. Advantage Adelaide City 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals 13-9.

**IN WOLLONGONG**  
**Wollongong v Leichhardt (draw)** at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3pm.

**IN CANBERRA**  
**CANBERRA v Sydney Olympic** at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - Canb 4-0, 2-2. 1978 - SO 3-1, Can 2-1. 1979 - SO 3-1, 0-0. No advantage. Goal advantage Canberra 10-9.

**IN BRISBANE**  
**BRISBANE CITY v Footscray** at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3pm. Previous results: 1977 - Foots 3-1, 2-1. 1978 - BC 3-0, 2-2. 1979 - Foots 2-0, BC 2-1. 1980 - 1-1, 1-1. Advantage Footscray 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 12-11.

It's hard to go past Makedonia, despite its loss to Blacktown needs more than its well-rehearsed offside trap to stop Rob Cullen, Peter Orlerton, Doug Brown and probably Alan Whittle.

The game is a homecoming for Blacktown striker Branko Culina who played for Essendon Croatia two years ago.

But Culina shouldn't see too much of the ball on Sunday. He'll be up against Steve Beech, one of the most underrated full backs in the land. Makedonia should take both points and continue up the ladder toward its rightful place in the top four.

Wollongong Wolves, a side built on two pence halfpenny and a prayer, and yet one of the PSL pacesetters, may have to be content with sharing the spoils from its meeting with Willie Wallace's APIA Leichhardt.

Morton and the Wollongong brains trust have worked wonders with a limited budget to produce a well drilled outfit but APIA's strike force headed by Sebastian Giampaolo and Phil O'Connor should salvage an away point.

I shudder to think what Brisbane City might do to Footscray J.U.S.T. at Spencer Park, Brisbane Lions can hang on for a draw against Adelaide City, Canberra looks too well organised for Sydney Olympic

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Believe me, parents throughout Australia are becoming united in not allowing their kids to get involved in the thuggery that is part and parcel of the Rugby and Rules games.

I'm a parent and I certainly don't want my kid involved.

Biting, gouging eyes and thuggery is for back-street brawlers and the jungle, not the sports field.

With the situation as it is, soccer has it made - if it can capitalise on the dilemma of the other two codes.

And I'm sorry to say once again this is indeed a big "if".

For the sad and simple fact is that all is not right within the structure of our code and once again it could be a situation of "self-destruction".

This wonderful opportunity could be allowed to slip from our grasp if certain aspects of our set-up are not respected, and righted quickly.



TOM ANDERSON

## How long will the hangers-on last?

In saying this I'm not trying to rock the boat or stir up trouble.

For believe me, there's nobody who wants soccer to reach the top in its country more than I do.

The big problem is a number of officials and people working within the structure of soccer are getting carried away with themselves.

For some unknown reason, some of these people have acquired an air of infallibility over the past week or so and now imagine themselves as the greatest administrators and most important personalities yet to hit the Australian soccer scene.

Most of them, of course, have been in the game only five minutes and would find it hard to tell the difference between a soccer ball and a Christmas pudding.

But here they are, mixing with a few FIFA people and living in Walter Mitty land.

All of a sudden the Australian soccer Press has become a dirty word and the "hangers on" around the World Youth Championships have become the new Messiahs of soccer.

Really, if it weren't so sad it would be a joke.

Many of us have seen it all before - such as in the glorious days of 1974, when the Socceros reached the World Cup finals in West Germany.

After the finals all the "new friends" soon left the ship and scurried back to their old stamping grounds when the "fringe benefits" from soccer dried up.

The same will happen after the World Youth Championships and many of the present newcomers will crawl back into the woodwork.

Then, of course, the people within the game who now are backing them will be left like a shag on a rock. With their tails between their legs, they will come back to the old faithful who week after week, bash their heads against the wall when they fight to gain publicity for soccer.

I'm all for new people and new ideas in the game and welcome both of them.

But not at the expense of trampling on some people who

have been loyal to this game over many years.

These people do not deserve the treatment they are getting at the present time.

Soccer is the greatest game in the world and could be the greatest game here in Australia.

But a little knowledge about soccer is a dangerous thing and this is the point I would like to bring to the attention of some of the new administrators.

In fact the only way soccer will reach the top is through a united front and not by the division some people seem to be striving for.

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# ROONEY: GIVE BANNON A FREE Beware the Bergers, the best is yet to come



H'berg Utd 2  
Bris. City 0

Scorers: Boziskas 4th, Yankos 59th  
Ground: Olympic Park No. 2  
Crowd: Est. 3500  
Weather: Dull and humid  
Referee: Stuart Mellings 5  
Cautions: nil

HEIDELBERG UTD: Oliver 7, McMillan 7, injured (Ivanou 83rd min), Proven 7, Yzen-doom 8, Yankos 7 — Sele-midis 7, Taylor 5, Rooney 8 — Boziskas 7, Cole 7, Campbell 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 9 — Perry 7, Dunne 7, Ratcliffe 5, B. Wilkinson 6 — Pimblett 7, Hamilton 7, Gaffney 5 (Low 69th min) — P. Wilkinson 7, McVaigh 5, Palinkas 5 (Cold-wall 69th min).

Heidelberg Utd is showing positive signs of recovery from the turmoil and poor form that has plagued this club this season.

Confidence and flair returned to Heidelberg's play during the 2-0 victory over Brisbane City last Sunday.

Importantly, Jimmy Rooney is back to his tireless best, and setting a fine example for his players in midfield.

Big Gary Cole is again looking hungry for goals, and was unfortunate not to have scored a hat-trick against City.

And the defence, which conceded 13 goals in the first five league matches, kept a clean sheet for the second league game in a row.

Behind the scenes tension should be eased when Rooney meets the Heidelberg committee this week to discuss the coaching position.

Indications are that Rooney will accept the position on a permanent basis if Heidelberg grants sacked Pat Bannon a free transfer.

According to Rooney, Bannon won't consider returning to the club, and a free transfer is a logical solution.

More good news is that Soccerco will back Jim Tansey might be back in action this weekend, and Heidelberg's two Irish recruits will arrive this Friday.

However, striker Jamie Paton will miss at least another two games, and will back Arthur McMillan had to leave the ground against Brisbane City with an injury.

Heidelberg showed flashes of the cohesion and attacking power that made the team such a force last season.

Only the brilliant Brisbane City goalkeeper Martin Coe prevented Heidelberg from scoring half a dozen goals.

Coe made a series of excellent saves when Heidelberg exploited gaps in the Brisbane defence in the second half.

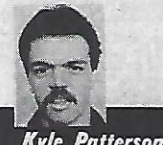
Three times during the match, Cole had only Coe to beat. However, two great saves and later the crossbar thwarted Cole.

Andy Boziskas was also frustrated by Coe, after a brilliant run from the half line had taken him into the Brisbane penalty area.

The game was a tight affair in the first half, with few scoring chances.

Heidelberg hit the lead with a disputed goal in the fourth minute.

A Rooney cross dropped in the penalty box, and after a scramble, Boziskas tucked the ball home.



Kyle Patterson

MATCH RATING:

6

The linesman nearest the play flagged for an infringement, but referee Stuart Mellings over-ruled the linesman and the goal stood.

Brisbane City coach George Potter said his players were incensed by Mellings' decision.

Brisbane City lacked imagination in attack in the first half, and Heidelberg's defence was defensive and solid.

Four minutes after half time, full back Charlie Yankos cracked a fine 20-metre goal, and Heidelberg was in the box seat.

City had no choice but to throw more players forward, and this brought some tempo and exciting forward play into the game.

Bob Hamilton in midfield and striker Paul Wilkinson spearheaded City's comeback.

Both players were injured in the first half, but Hamilton's vigour and Wilkinson's mobility started to worry the Heidelberg defence.

Goalkeeper Jeff Oliver was called on to make two difficult saves, but, even so, Heidelberg was by far the more impressive team.

Flowing counter attacks sliced up the City defence, and Coe saved his team from an embarrassing debacle.

Heidelberg is starting to hit good form, but Kenny Taylor was disappointing in midfield, and Jim Campbell, despite a lot of hard work, didn't fire as Cole's partner.

City had Frank Pimblett and former Green Gully star Jimmy Dunne as consistent players, but former Footscray winger Joe Palinkas ran into dead ends all day, and was eventually taken off.

Heidelberg's caretaker coach Jimmy Rooney hit top form in last Sunday's win over Brisbane City, the third successive win since Rooney took over.

Heidelberg's Gary Cole dashes past Brisbane City's Bill Wilkinson at Olympic Park. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



Brisbane City keeper Martin Coe (left) gives his team mate Jimmy Dunne a helping hand by punching clear.



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Heidelberg's Gary Cole dashes past Brisbane City's Bill Wilkinson at Olympic Park. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## Bryce promising, Preston back after poor start

Brisb. Lions 2  
Preston 1

Scorers: Hogg 10th, Bryce 27th (BL) Cullen 64th (P).  
Ground — Richlands Stadium.  
Weather — Fine and cool.

Crowd about 1800.

LIONS — Lownds 6, Ontong 8, Bennett 8, Hermiston 8, Niven 7, Hogg 7, Lindsay 6, McLean 7 (Konstantinou 53rd G), Bryce 8, Millman 7, Ferris 5.

PRESTON — Kastner 7, Rainey 7, Higham 7, Petrovski 6 (Little 75th), Beach 6, Faulkner 6, Lucchese 7, Flavell 6, Cullen 7, Ollerton 6, Brown 6.

Brisbane Lions, with their first win under their belts, look to have come up with a solution to their problems up front.

He is a striker in the same mould as Millman, 23-year-old Lyle Bryce, who played his first full match and made the most of his opportunities.

Bryce comes from Beerwah, a tiny township near the Glasshouse Mountains some 30 kilometres north of Brisbane and travels to Lions three times a week to train and play.



Bruce Waddell

MATCH RATING:

7

He has been a prolific goalscorer in country matches and could possibly, on this performance, convert that success into the PSL arena.

Preston did not settle at all in the first half and with Bryce partnering Millman and Bobby Ferris well, and Jim McLean and Steve Hogg pushing up from the midfield, Lions completely dominated the first half.

Hogg finished off an Alan Niven cross and Bryce flick-on to accept the first goal after only 10 minutes and 17 minutes later Bryce was in for his first taste of PSL success.

Millman headed on a long pass and Bryce, despite being severely hindered by a tackler, powered his way through to bang the ball home.

Lions could have added another three or four goals in this session, such was the lack of cohesion in the Preston ranks. In fact this amount of bickering among the players was quite amazing.

Lions were going so well that Matt Carson decided to replace McLean with Steve Konstantinou and in so doing upset the rhythm, as the Scottish midfielder had been performing extremely well.

Preston set about proving they are capable of capitalising on such a situation and for the next 15 minutes threw everything at the faltering Lions.

Nigel Lownds almost dropped a screamer from Doug Brown into the net, then had to dive quickly to save from the same player.

Lions began to panic when Rob Cullen accepted a clearance from Lou Kastner to run half the length of the pitch, past three defenders and then Lownds, to score a fine individual goal in the 64th minute.

The Lions defence managed to hold out and the pressure from Preston gradually subsided.

The language in this match at times was nothing short of atrocious and referee Col Amos, who did not stamp his authority early enough, finally started handing out yellow cards in the second half.

He booked Peter Ollerton for abusing a linesman, then appeared to do the same to Doug Brown, although he said later he had booked John Higham.

Jeff Faulkner received a yellow card for kicking the ball away and Col Bennett got one for retaliation.



Brisbane Lions left back Alan Niven — national coach Rudi Gutendorf called him into the Soccerco squad to cover for Heidelberg's Jim Tansey who has been out injured, but Tansey is expected to resume on Sunday against Sydney City.

## Cozzella, O'Reilly Jovanovic out

Footscray 1  
Adelaide C. 1

Goals: Cozzella 20th (F), Mitchell 59th (AC).

Ground: Schindler Reserve, Footscray.

Crowd: About 2000

Weather: Mild and sunny

Cautions: Kyriakoulas (F), Parton (F)

Referee: Evan Venios 8

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 8

Milne 6, Kondarios 5, Kyriakoulas 8, Hazabent 8 — Kantonis 7, Iloski 6, Curovic 5,

Cozzella 7 (Parton 6, half time)

McLaughlin 6, Vasic 5 (Simic 4, 61st)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7

Russell 8, Jones 7, Perin 7

B. Nyskohus 6 — Melta 6,

Marocchi 6, Signore 6 (injured, sub Rankin 6, 39th), Villani 6,

J. Nyskohus 6, Mitchell 7.

Heidelberg and Sydney Olympic, the teams just ahead of Footscray, picked up points and thus left Footscray in last place.

Footscray had to overcome several obstacles. Midfielder Slobodan Jovanovic failed to recover from a wrist injury and defender Jim O'Reilly was ruled out after being injured at training.

So Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic brought in Suleiman Curovic and Dragan Vasic.

Footscray was dealt another blow when Bruno Cozzella, scorer of the first goal, became ill at half time and was unable to continue.

He was replaced by Sean Parton who was making his first appearance for Footscray.

Venezuela crushed by Brazil

Brazil crushed Venezuela 5-0 in the final game of group 1 for the 1982 World Cup eliminations.

The game did not affect the group 1 standings, as Brazil had already qualified in the three-nation grouping that also included Bolivia.

Brazil dominated offensive play from the opening whistle but wasted innumerable scoring chances in the early going.

Attacker Tita opened the scoring with a header at the 36 minute. The first half ended 1-0.

Brazil completed the scoring in the second half with goals by Socrates, at 56 minutes, Tita at 58, Zico at 72 and Junior at 84.

Bryden up for grabs

Interested in a goalkeeper? Wally Bryden has young with Victorian First Division club Kellor Austria for the past two years and is keen to move.

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Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavi continues to be under pressure and reports from Adelaide suggest his job could be on the line. His players lack urgency — especially the midfielders.

There's a lot of speed in Mitchell and young Rankin who did he play left midfield instead of forward — but Footscray's defence gave them nowhere to run. Kyri Kyriakoulas fought tooth and nail at the heart of that defence and Igor Hazabent was very constructive at left back, while Jim Kondarios, back after a contract dispute, was suffering with the flu.

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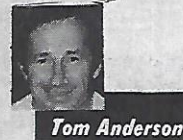
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# Swashbuckling youngsters do the Doc proud



Tom Anderson

## MATCH RATING: 9

### Sydney Olympic 2 Sydney City 2.

**Scorers:** Olympic: Raskopoulos 50th, Gavin 62nd; City: Baden 17th, Barnes 30th.  
**Cautions:** Olympic: Mouli, Koussas.  
**Venue:** - Pratten Park.  
**Conditions:** Good.  
**Attendance:** 4728.  
**Referee:** - Jim Reeves, 6.  
**Sydney Olympic:** Meier 8, Mouli 6, Palmer 6, Zeros 6, Rowden 6, Katholos 9, Jamieson 6, (sub Gavin 59th 7), Raskopoulos 8, Laing 8, Koussas 8, Jennings 8.  
**Sydney City:** - Pezzano 6, Souness 7, Bruce 7, O'Connor 7, Spanos 6, Barnes 7, Watson 7, Muniz 6, Patikas 6, Boden 8, Koussas 8.  
Sydney Olympic may be lying near the foot of the competition but for entertainment value Tommy Docherty's boys are tops.  
Entertainment is what soccer is supposed to be all about and entertainment is what Olympic is all about.  
Their style is flamboyant, swashbuckling and electrifying and great value for money.  
If you happen to be a soccer purist, you will disagree with me and rightly so.  
But who the hell wants to be a purist in these days when it's drawing customers through the gate that counts.  
In his short time here, Tommy Docherty has installed a completely positive attitude in his players and coming forward they are simply marvelous.  
In fact, it is the Australian version of Manchester United or the great young Chelsea team.  
There are six present and 1979 youth internationals in their line-up which can only be described as magnificent.  
In defence Olympic struggles through the lack of experience and the two goals they gave away in this game were 'gifts'.  
Seemingly the same happens every week and will happen until an experienced player is signed to guide and talk to the youngsters.  
But everything doesn't happen at once and it will take Docherty time to produce the finished article.  
The Doc must be congratulated for getting his priorities right. Positive attitude first - negative last.  
He could have come here, had a look at his players, and then introduced some ultra-defensive system.  
This would have staved off some defeats, but would have chased the customers away at the same time.  
In this game Sydney City played its usual percentage game and it looked all over after 30 minutes when City was up through goals by Ken Boden and Murray Barnes.  
Both came from glaring defensive mistakes by Ian Rowden and Danny Mouli who just did not seem to know what to do under pressure.  
A shout from an 'old head' in such situations would have saved the day.  
Two downs at the interval, Olympic came out in the second half, ran riot and got back on even terms through goals from Peter Raskopoulos and substitute Tommy Gavin.  
During the last 45 minutes the Olympians surged forward in magnificent style and under pressure the Slickers lost their composure and control of the game.  
And, you can't lay the blame on anyone in the Slickers team, as there's no team in the competition that would not have buckled under the pressure that Olympic applied.  
It was good to watch and a refreshing breath of fresh air in these days of doc, defensive soccer.  
A special mention must be made of Olympic's young midfielder Peter Katholos who was positively brilliant.  
This youngster is improving in every outing and under the guidance of Docherty looks to have a big future.

### Newcastle 1 Wollongong 1

**Scorers:** Fontana (W) 38th, Drinkwater (N) 73rd.  
**Ground:** - International Sports Centre.  
**Crowd:** 7,567.  
**Cautions:** Bertagna, Mountford (N), Adam, Ainsworth (W).  
**Weather:** Fine.  
**Referee:** Doug Rennie 9.  
**NEWCASTLE:** Dando 7, Reaney 7, Bertagna 8, Drinkwater 7, H. Tredinnick 8, Sumner 7, McClelland 8, Buckley 7, - Hays 7, Mountford 6, Jones 6 (Senkalski 72nd).  
**WOLLONGONG:** Preston 8, Fleming 7, Dunkley 7, De Graaf 8, Ainsworth 7, McBreen 7, Lathan 8, Adam 8, P. Tredinnick 7 - Campbell 8, Fontana 7, Turner 80th.  
The long awaited clash between the two sides city teams failed to live up to expectations.

### Blacktown City 2 South Melbourne 2

**Goals:** Evans, Cummings (SM), Culina, Cuk (B).  
**Crowd:** 2451.  
**Stadium:** Gabbie Stadium.  
**Referee:** Tim Davies 7.  
**Yellow cards:** Davidson, Lorton (SM), Djordjevic (BC).  
**BLACKTOWN CITY:** James 7, Whalley 7, Lorton 7, Pointer 8, O'Donnell 7, Ortega 5, Selrache 7, Djordjevic 9, Culina 8, Wallace 7, Cuk (62').  
**BURROWS 8.**  
**SOUTH MELBOURNE:** Launey 7, V. Bannon 7, Xanthopoulos 6, (Lutton 7-46'), Blair 7, Davidson 5, Rogers 8, Shirra 6, Stevenson 7, Evans 8, Christopoulos 5, Buljevic 6 (Cummings 46'-7').  
South Melbourne opened up at a fast and furious pace and quickly raced into the lead through Alan Evans in the 16th minute of the game at Gabbie Stadium.  
Billy Rogers' through ball found Evans just inside the Demons' half. While Blacktown players waited for the flag to go up, Evans raced away to score an easy goal.

## Leichhardt's lightning strike

### West Adelaide 1 Leichhardt 2

**Scorers:** Giampolo 8th, O'Connor 63th (Leichhardt), Brown (West Adelaide).  
**Ground:** Hindmarsh Stadium.  
**Crowd:** 4500.  
**Cautions:** Maric (West), Wilson (Leichhardt).  
**Sent off:** Skellern (Leichhardt).  
**Weather:** Fine and mild.  
**Referee:** Don Campbell (SA) 7.  
**LEICHHARDT:** Woodhouse 7, Skellern 6 (sent off 72nd), Pullen 7, Wilson 7, McAusland 7 - Coyne 7 (Watts), Kafka 8, Leyden 7 - O'Connor 8, Giampolo 8, Soper 8.  
**WEST ADELAIDE:** Crook 8 (Watts 7), Reynolds 7, Topaz 7, Haig 5 (Reynolds), McGachey 7, Boyle 8, Honeyman 7 - Pillars 7, Brown 8, Norris 7.  
Willie Wallace's Leichhardt Strikers certainly lived up to their names.  
First, they scored two goals after lightning attacking moves and later Rod Skellern was sent off for allegedly striking West's Tim Brown in an incident which also saw Peter Wilson cautioned.  
The Strikers probably deserved their success, but it really was tailor made for them.  
Gordon Haig the replacement fullback for the injured Vic Bozanic was hopelessly out of his depth against the cultured skills of Sebastian Giampolo, quite possibly Australia's best striker, and the elusive Phil O'Connor.  
Giampolo charged up the right side of the field with Haig yards behind him and even when the West fullback was there Giampolo made it look easy.  
The substitution was at least overdue by 25 minutes.  
With such a wealth of experience on the bench - Con Kambar and Barry Reynolds along with young Ian McKie and Bozanic himself - it is indeed surprising that coach Billy Birch had delayed the obvious move by so long.  
What is particularly disturbing is that Kambar has not played a solitary minute of PSL soccer since a group of fans paid his signing-on fee with West Adelaide.  
Leichhardt, which had all the time been a team beating West 4-0 at Hindmarsh last year, survived a rather

In fact a very dull match only came to life in stops and starts but sent the army of Wollongong supporters back home with a point, thus keeping them within striking distance of top spot.  
It was a well deserved point, in fact it looked as if it could have been two points for a long time, until Alan Vest made a tactical change by introducing Joe Senkalski in place of David Jones, who was well controlled by Billy De Graaf.  
A minute later Chris Dunleavy made one of his rare mistakes when he hesitated on the ball and Malcolm McClelland, who had moved up, nipped in and served the Raiders' captain Roy Drinkwater who slotted it into the empty net for the equalizer.  
And how relieved Drinkwater must have felt because he had a big share of the blame for Wollongong going ahead in the 38th minute when he had an eternity to turn as the ball was going over his head. John

Lathan drew the remaining defender then set up Fontana who accepted the chance gratefully.  
Up to that point both sides escaped narrowly. In the 23rd minute Clive Campbell, 30 metres out, turned on a ball and his shot completely deceived Phil Dando but the post came to the rescue.  
A little later it was Jim Preston's goal which came under siege when McClelland passed to Buckley on the left, but his first time left foot shot scraped the bar.  
Newcastle's team was rearranged with the return of Steve Sumner who was back after a few weeks' absence through injury and Howard Tredinnick filling in for the injured Col Curran.  
Up front Grahame Hays was also returning after injury and which did not help Newcastle's cause, though Sumner will be much better for the run but he was not his usual constructive self.

However Tredinnick filled Curran's vacancy with authority and Vest was extremely pleased with the youngster's performance.  
Possibly the most evident deficiency was the lack of a constructive midfielder player who could give adequate and constant supply to the front runners.  
One must be quick to qualify that Wollongong, with its four men across the middle of the field does make things difficult, and this would probably account for Newcastle's attempts to bypass the midfield

and find the front runners directly from the defence.  
This only contributed to a lot of interceptions.  
Wollongong, on the other hand based its game in drawing the defence up the field and sending long balls into the available space behind the clever front runners Campbell and Fontana to capitalise on the exposed defence.  
However Wollongong's main asset is its wealth of experience, and even when the difficult period comes around all teams have one - experience will carry it through.



Joe Lanzoni

## MATCH RATING 6

## More worries for Rudi

### Marconi 0 Canberra 2

**Ground:** Marconi Stadium.  
**Referee:** Ken Small 6.  
**Crowd:** 3700.  
**Goals:** Walter Valeri 60th & 87th.  
**Cautions:** R. O'Shea 37th.  
**MARCONI:** Maher 8, Brogan 6, Henderson 7, Muir 4, Degney 7, Byrne 6, Housseini 7, Picciano 7, Sharpe 6, M. Jankovics 6 (Colusso 78'), Krncovic 6.  
**CANBERRA CITY:** Wilson 6, M. O'Shea 7, Cole 7, J. O'Shea 7, Stark 7, R. O'Shea 8, Byrne 8, Valeri 9, McLaren 9, Brennan 8, Farrell 7.  
Canberra Arrows never looked in danger as they cruised to a most impressive win over unimpressive Marconi Leopards. Canberra was a polished outfit in every department - their defence constantly stifled any attack that Marconi could mount and their forwards made their opposition look little more than an "all age" outfit.  
If the score line was a true reflection of play then Canberra should have won by 5 or 6 goals instead of 2. Even in the first half, which on the surface looked tight, Canberra



Ted Smithies

## MATCH RATING: 7

had a number of chances which could have resulted in a 2-0 lead by half time.  
Marconi in these early stages did show glimpses of their former self. In the 16th minute we saw what was probably Marconi's best move. It ended with Eddie Krncovic tapping the ball back to Peter Sharpe who did everything right except steer it away from keeper Wilson.  
For the remainder of this half Marconi only produced an occasional flutter and it was left to Canberra to set the pace. This they did with a credible degree of eagerness.  
Valeri and McLaren typified this eagerness.  
The second half was one of

complete domination by the Arrows and Marconi can thank Allan Maher that the score was not 4-0. The first occasion was only two minutes after the restart when Valeri walked around Muir and let loose with a shot from point blank range. Somehow Maher managed to deflect the ball behind for a corner.  
There was however one blot on Canberra's copy book and from it Marconi almost hit the front. It came in the 60th minute from a Paul Degney cross. Unbelievably Canberra's and New Zealand's keeper Richard Wilson lost the ball thru his hands and it was left to a defender to clear off the line - good news for Australia's chances next month?  
Marconi's luck didn't last much longer and only two minutes later Valeri left Peter Brogan standing flat-footed before he turned and blasted one past Maher.  
For the remainder of the match the Arrows played havoc. McLaren particularly deserved to score and was only denied by some fine work by Maher in the 78th minute.  
Canberra deservedly increased their lead to 2-0 in the closing minutes when Brogan handled in the area and Walter Valeri duly did the honors.



Roger Sherack

## DJORDJEVIC DAZZLES



Roger Sherack

## MATCH RATING: 8

The visitors continued to attack and looked set for a big win, but their forwards missed a few opportunities and then slowed down to allow the home side to regroup and attack.  
During the last 20 minutes of the first half it was all Blacktown as Djordjevic, Burrows and Wallace tore holes in South Melbourne's defence.  
O'Shea missed a sitter in the 25th minute, then Wallace shot over the bar with Launey to beat in the 31st. Launey had to dive at the feet of Burrows in the 32nd to save a certain goal.  
However the pressure finally paid off a minute later.  
Jovan Djordjevic, Blacktown City's Yugoslav import raced away from Davidson

before alighting the ball across for Branko Culina to slam high into the roof of the net.  
Christopoulos missed two early opportunities in the opening minutes of the second half and his side almost paid dearly for it.  
Blacktown moved into top gear once again and looked the better team. Djordjevic continued to beat Davidson and was fouled on numerous occasions.  
Quick breaks by Djordjevic created a number of opportunities for his team mates.  
In the 59th minute Burrows missed a sitter from two metres, then Launey made a brilliant save from Stuart Selvaige in the 66th minute.  
From a resultant corner, Peter Cuk rose high to head the ball under the cross bar and make it 2-1.  
With four minutes remaining, a quick throw-in by South Melbourne found Stevenson unmarked on the right. His cross was brilliantly headed by Cummings wide of James and the scores were level.  
The points were shared, but the honours must go to the home side for a fine attacking display that had South Melbourne on the ropes for most of the game.

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and Philips League executive should be looking at, instead of the meaningless gimmicks which do nothing to improve our game.  
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It is only through this latter means that the game in this country ever can hope to begin to match the best overseas.  
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I believe the direction we are heading and the standards we are setting in our national coaching scheme needs to be scrutinised and a five or 10 year plan adopted.  
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Kevin Wall (left), coach Bobby McLachlan, and John Gardiner celebrate Green Gully Ajax's victory over Croydon in the 1981 Ampol Cup final.



Opposing defenders — Sean Rooney (left) of Hakoah, and Alan Pongito of Croydon.



Bill Morrey (left) of Green Gully Ajax, wins a heading duel with Sunshine's Mike Diney.

## VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE DRAW

**ROUND 1** — Saturday 4th April  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Green Gully  
Sunday 5th April  
Croydon City v Essendon Croatia  
Altona City v Brunswick United  
Juventus  
Northcote City v Sunshine City  
Doveton v Ringwood City  
George Cross v Frankston City

**ROUND 2** — Sunday 12th April  
Ringwood City v George Cross  
Sunshine City v Doveton  
Green Gully v Northcote City  
Brunswick Utd. Juventus v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Frankston City v Croydon City  
Essendon Croatia v Altona City

**ROUND 3** — Sunday 19th April  
Altona City v Croydon City

Frankston City v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Essendon Croatia v George Cross  
Croydon City v Doveton  
Altona City v Northcote City

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Northcote City v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Doveton v Altona City  
George Cross v Croydon City  
Ringwood City v Essendon Croatia  
Sunshine City v Brunswick Utd.  
Juventus  
Green Gully v Frankston City

**ROUND 8** — Sunday 31st May  
Brunswick Utd. Juventus v Green

Brunswick Utd. Juventus v Croydon City  
Frankston City v Essendon Croatia.

**ROUND 12** — Sunday 28th June  
Essendon Croatia v Croydon City  
Brunswick Utd. Juventus v Altona City  
Green Gully v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Sunshine City v Altona City  
Ringwood City v Doveton  
Frankston City v George Cross

**ROUND 13** — Sunday 8th July  
George Cross v Ringwood City  
Doveton v Sunshine City  
Northcote City v Green Gully  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Brunswick Utd.  
Juventus  
Croydon City v Frankston City  
Altona City v Essendon Croatia

St. Kilda Hakoah v Frankston City  
George Cross v Essendon Croatia  
Doveton v Croydon City  
Northcote City v Altona City

**ROUND 18** — Saturday 8th August  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Northcote City  
Sunday 9th August  
Altona City v Doveton  
Croydon City v George Cross  
Essendon Croatia v Ringwood City  
Brunswick Utd. Juventus v Sunshine City  
Frankston City v Green Gully

**ROUND 19** — Sunday 16th August  
Green Gully v Brunswick Utd.  
Juventus  
Northcote City v Frankston City  
Sunshine City v Essendon Croatia  
Brunswick Utd. Juventus v Altona City  
George Cross v Altona City





George Cross midfielder Ged Bannon (right) challenges Billy Vejtek, now player-coach of Western Suburbs.



Sunshine City captain Rob Nelson.



Fabio Incantapelo - star Juventus forward and member of the Australian youth squad.

Norhtcote City v Brunawick Utd.  
Juventus v Green Gully  
George Cross v Sunshine City  
Ringwood United v Frankton City

ROUND 4 - Sunday, 26th April  
Frankton City v Altona City  
Sunshine City v Ringwood City  
Green Gully v George Cross  
Brunawick United Juventus v  
Essendon Croatia v Northcote City  
Croydon City v St. Kilda Hakoah

ROUND 5 - Sunday 3rd May  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Altona City  
Northcote City v Croydon City  
Doveton v Essendon Croatia  
George Cross v Brunawick Utd.  
Juventus  
Green Gully v Ringwood  
Sunshine City v Frankton City

ROUND 6 - Sunday 10th May  
Green Gully v Sunshine City  
Brunawick Utd. Juventus v Ringwood  
City

Essendon Croatia v Sunshine City  
Croydon City v Ringwood City  
Altona City v George Cross  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Doveton

ROUND 9 - Sunday 7th June  
Doveton v Northcote City  
George Cross v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Ringwood City v Altona City  
Sunshine City v Croydon City  
Green Gully v Essendon Croatia  
Brunawick Utd. Juventus v Frankton  
City

ROUND 10 - Sunday 14th June  
Frankton City v Doveton  
Essendon Croatia v Brunawick Utd.  
Sunshine City v Northcote City  
Altona City v Ringwood City  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Ringwood City  
Northcote City v George Cross  
Croydon City v Green Gully

ROUND 11 - Sunday 21st June  
George Cross v Doveton  
Ringwood City v Northcote City  
Sunshine City v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Green Gully v Altona City

Croydon City v Altona City  
Essendon Croatia v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Brunawick Utd. Juventus v Northcote  
City  
Green Gully v Doveton  
Sunshine City v George Cross  
Frankton City v Ringwood City

ROUND 15 - Sunday 19th July  
Ringwood City v Sunshine City  
George Cross v Green Gully  
Doveton v Brunawick Utd. Juventus  
Altona City v Frankton City  
Northcote City v Essendon Croatia  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Croydon City

ROUND 16 - Sunday 26th July  
Altona City v St. Kilda Hakoah  
Croydon City v Northcote City  
Essendon Croatia v Doveton  
Brunawick Utd. Juventus v George  
Cross  
Ringwood City v Green Gully  
Frankton City v Sunshine City

ROUND 17 - Sunday 2nd August  
Sunshine City v Green Gully  
Ringwood City v Brunawick Utd.  
Juventus

ROUND 20 - Sunday 23rd August  
Northcote City v Doveton  
St. Kilda Hakoah v George Cross  
Altona City v Ringwood City  
Croydon City v Sunshine City  
Essendon Croatia v Green Gully  
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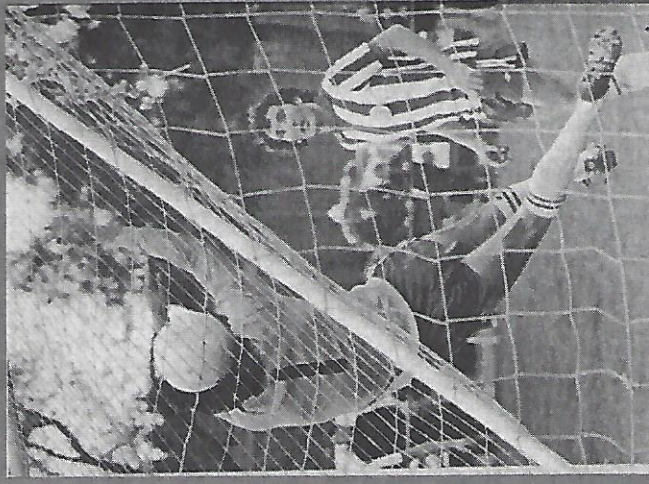
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Doveton v Frankton City  
Brunawick Utd. Juventus v Essendon  
Croatia  
Sunshine City v Altona City  
Ringwood City v St. Kilda Hakoah  
George Cross v Northcote City  
Green Gully v Croydon City

ROUND 22 - Sunday 6th September  
Doveton v George Cross  
Northcote City v Ringwood City  
St. Kilda Hakoah v Sunshine City  
Altona City v Green Gully  
Croydon City v Brunawick Utd.  
Juventus  
Essendon Croatia v Frankton City

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EASTER MONDAY 20th April



Juventus forward Mendo Ristovski shoots for goal after leaving Doveton's Peter Thurlow far behind.



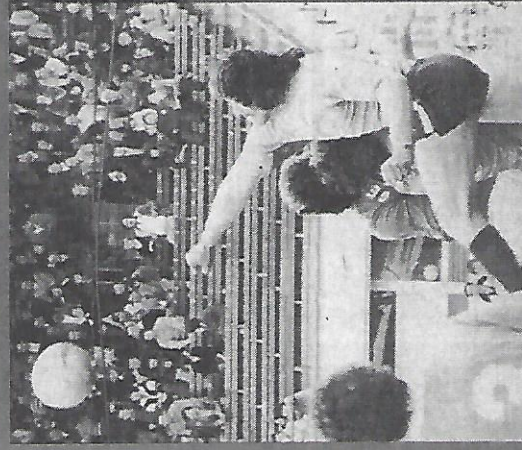
Goal! George Cross midfielder Dave Rigby (right) scores.



George Cross defender Laurie Blusic (right) gets up high to head the ball away from Croatia star Carl Gilder.



Ringwood City's midfielder dynamo John O'Callaghan.



Experienced Doveton keeper Lou Ivanoff punches clear



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# SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

## MARODONA THE WORLD'S HIGHEST-PAID PLAYER

**In Argentina, Diego Maradona isn't just the world's most expensive player. He is also the best-paid.**

Boca Juniors paid \$9 million to Argentinos Juniors for him. Maradona has signed a contract for sixteen months. If he plays the expected hundred matches, he will cost Boca \$75,000 a match.

The money going into his pocket works like this. Maradona's signing-on fee was \$500,000. He will collect a further \$400,000 in three months. His basic salary is \$50,000 a month. Bonuses work out at \$800 per point.

That isn't all. Maradona will also receive \$5,000 for every friendly Boca play in Argentina and 20 per cent of the

**From JIM COOK  
our European  
correspondent**



club's fee for every exhibition game played abroad. Then commercial interests will more than double Maradona's income.

The legendary Pele doesn't agree with the choice of Diego Maradona as South American footballer of the year. Pele would have placed Zico of Flamengo, Brazil first when he was in fact second and he also reckoned that another Brazilian, Socrates of Corinthians, should have been runner-up but was only placed

seventh. Maradona would have been placed third by Pele.

Dynamo Dresden, the East German side, recently left on a tour of South America minus three of its top players: Gerd Weber, Peter Kottas and Matthias. They were arrested at Berlin airport after it had been hinted they were going to defect.

League Cup final receipts for the drawn match between West Ham and Liverpool were \$1,206,000. Both teams got

\$280,000 each. The replay is at Villa Park, Birmingham on April 1.

John Wark, the Scottish international midfielder striker of Ipswich Town is the Professional Footballers Player of the Year. Wark who has scored over 30 League and Cup goals this season for Ipswich, beat his colleagues Frans Thijssen and Peter Mariner into second and third place respectively.

Dusseldorf is reported to be interested in trying to lure Kevin Keegan back to West German soccer but any move is unlikely to draw a blank until the end of the 1981-82 season when the former Liverpool and Hamburg star can then be released for not more than \$200,000 according to his present written agreement with Southampton.

Lord Westwood, 73, who quit

his directorship of Newcastle United as he felt unable to commit himself to further personal guarantees with the banks now pressuring clubs to reduce their overdrafts, had to automatically stand down as Football League president. Newcastle owes around \$1,200,000.

Real Madrid is struggling in the middle of the Spanish First Division and some of the board of management are not too happy with manager Vujadin Boskov. If the axe does fall on Bukov then two former greats of the club, Ferenc Puskas and Alfredo Di Stefano, could be on the short list as Bukov's successor.

Zaire, whose national team was disbanded on government orders after its failures in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, was allowed to reform recently.

Jack Dunnett, a wealthy so-

licitor and also a Labour M.P. who is chairman of Notts County, will be a candidate for the Football League presidency at the AGM. Dunnett, who is to quit his parliamentary seat at the next election to concentrate all of his spare time on soccer, has brought Notts County up from 92nd place in the English Leagues in 1968 to a challenging position for promotion to the First Division.

Laurie Cunningham, Real Madrid's England international winger who has been out of action since November after two operations to repair severely damaged toe ligaments, is out of action for about another three months. It was feared at one time Cunningham would not play again but the skill of a Spanish surgeon has saved his career.

Oswaldo Ardiles, presently discussing a new contract with Spurs, is wanted by Institute of Cordoba, but only on loan for a season. This arrangement would suit Argentine manager Cesar Menotti who would have his midfield star available on the spot for preparations for his defence of the World Cup in Spain in 1982.

Mario Kempes, Argentine's World Cup winning hero of 1978, has quit Valencia and gone home to join River Plate while Carlos Morete, another star striker, has left Seville and now lines up with Boca Juniors alongside Diego Maradona. Another Argentinian, Enzo Ferrero, is poised to leave provincial Spanish side Gijon and return home. Seems Spain has gone sour for the Argentinians. Kempes has said the money is good but the football is lousy.

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**The Americans are well advanced in the game that the ASF's marketing division hopes to introduce soon — indoor soccer. But in the United States, capital of ballyhoo and hucksterism, indoor soccer is more like a circus show . . .**

**From PETER RICHMOND,  
"Washington Post"**

**"This thing is going to be big. The NASL blew it. They're stupid, and they know it."**

— Tim Leiwecke, General Manager of Baltimore MISL Franchise.

**"Me? My Friend's one of the officials. He asked me to come, so I did. I prefer soccer."**

— Anonymous spectator in the \$7 seats. Baltimore outside the Baltimore Civic Centre on a mid-week, winter night, the wind lashes West Baltimore Street like a whip. Indoor anything sounds like a good idea. In the building's lobby, serenaded by loudspeaker warnings on bottles and beverages, a quiet crowd files past a bright red maverick filled with fluorescent orange soccer balls. A lot of kids with youth soccer jackets, a lot of parents in tow. They've come to see the limbo between the Majors and the Minors.

Inside, behind the heavy curtain on the stage at the Hopkins Street end, a professional indoor soccer team loosens up before its official warm-ups, sneakered feet slapping orange soccer balls around in the dark. On the carpeted rink, two youth league indoor teams finish their game and file off.

A signal is given — the Baltimore Blast queue up behind a yellow tunnel that leads from behind the curtain, down a ramp, out of the mouth of one plastic-netted goal and onto the playing surface. Suddenly, the crowd noise builds to a dull roar, then crests with an avalanche, thousands and thousands of voices. Hanging speakers bark out the opening bars of Weather Report's "Birdland," the live version, and the soccer players pop out of their plastic tunnel to see 2,000 passive fans punctuating acres of empty seats.

The crowd noise is on a record. A quarter of an hour later, they run through the official intro, red-vested blasts popping out of the tunnel again — only this time the lights have gone out, the spots come up, the song is "I'm Coming Out" and a large yellow soccer ball with human legs does a spasmodic jig atop a platform to accompanying fireworks.

No kidding! A dancing Ball! The effect is a little like watching a good friend make a fool of himself at a party. But the cavernous Civic Centre has started to warm up and a comfortable crowd of 4,200 is caught in the carnival atmosphere. The lights go up to reveal \$80,000 worth of Civic Centre renovation: purple, yellow, red and orange. The players take their positions on a bright green field. They look like gumballs in an outsized gumball machine. Let the game begin.

A well-dressed woman in the complimentary seats leans toward her date, a scarfed gentleman with a scotch, served by waitresses filtering through the stands. "It's kind of undignified," she says. "Isn't it?" "I'd rather have a team with a 500 record and people in the stands than a winning team with no people," says Leiwecke. "because you know which franchise is going to stick around at the end of the season."

A young entrepreneur's dream, Tim Leiwecke's last two years. Last year, he guaranteed the league's legit-

## As the lady said — it's kind of undignified, isn't it?

may by promoting St. Louis into a 14,000-a-game franchise. He's doing it again, with 1,000 promotions in a year in the Baltimore area (that's two or three a day) and three 9,000-plus crowds in the last week of January. And a perspective on sports management that owes something to his sense of humor.

A couple of weeks ago, he spent five hours selecting the music for his home series. New wave one night, Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder another, Steely Dan and the Doobie Brothers another. Donald Schafer is "the greatest mayor I've ever seen." The people of Baltimore are "honest and real. Like St. Louis."

He could promote soft-shell crab races if he wanted to. He just hasn't thought of it.

"This is not a team identity we're trying to sell, it's a sport. That's where some of our teams have gone wrong — trying to sell a team instead of entertainment. We're like a movie theatre, a Broadway play."

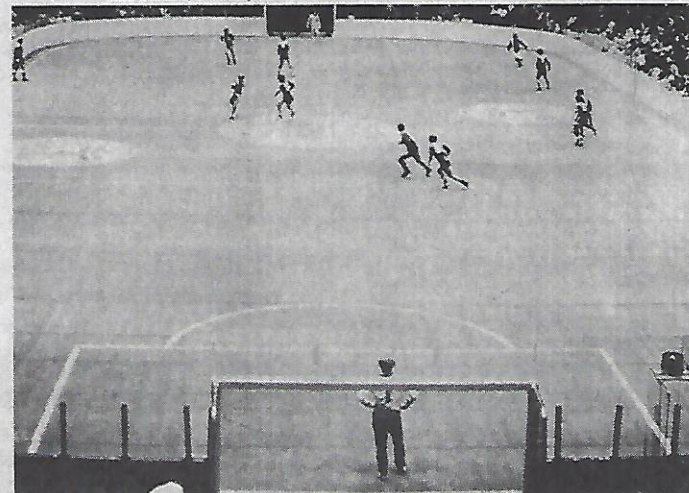
Sort of. It's also a schoolyard sort of game that rubs the purist like fingernails on a blackboard.

"It's professional. Maybe I'd feel otherwise if I played soccer. But from my standpoint it's professional. I don't let anyone around me think minor league. Pro football is the consummate professional league, and I'd never compare myself to that, but there's 18,000, 19,000 people in St. Louis now who'll tell you indoor soccer's the greatest thing they've ever seen."

On the upper level, the thick scent of marijuana seeps out of the mens room. Little kids kick a miniature orange soccer ball against the wall in the empty concrete corridor. The echo of sporadic cheering filters down the tunnel.

The \$3 seats at the Civic Centre are like the \$3 seats anywhere. The strongest throats, the universal shouting fans for whom the game's only part of the thing.

From the upper seats, high above the bright green surface, the Baltimore Blast and the Hartford Hellions look like little men in a table hockey game. You'd expect two large people, at either end, to be playing with the controls. When Baltimore scores first, the cheers in the \$3 seats are the loudest. When they score again, less than a minute later on a kick that rolls along the hockey boards, hits the Hartford goalie's hip and



Soccer — indoor style, U.S. version

bounces into the goal, an old usher in a dark green uniform holds up two fingers and grins. The dancing ball is named Ed Cuthie. He's a 16-year-old high school student. "It's a living," he says backstage, after struggling to pull the giant yellow ball off his head.

Halfway through the league's third season, Commissioner Earl Foran says league attendance grew by 15 percent, to 6,500 per game. He has an all-star game in Madison Square Garden. As his NASL counterpart stumbles through federal court injunctions and realignment, his stronger franchises grow stronger. In two years, six teams have become 12 teams and he plans expansion — not a desperate blitzkrieg — he'll move when he can get the cities he wants.

He has selective local television exposure, thanks, mostly, to Terry Leiwecke, Tim's brother, the Director of Sportsview, the network that brings the games to most of the local markets. It's a regular Rooney family of indoor soccer.

But Foreman is determined not to repeat the NASL's mistake of lunging for a network contract before he has a solid core of fans. He has time. His five-year plan is ahead of schedule. Less and less does he feel like the man at the helm of a Lacrosse league.

"There's been talk of a game between our best and the NASL's," he says now. "I'm not sure I want to give the NASL a chance to share the spotlight. Of course, we'd win. Our best team is the Arrows."

The flagship of the Major Indoor Soccer League (there is no minor) is the New York Arrows. They lead their division by double figures, the axiom for all leagues holds for this one: a strong New York franchise is a must.

Halfway through the third quarter, the Hartford goalie lofts a three-quarter length pass to a forward, Little to Shofner, adding another ingredient — football — to this gumbo of a sport.

Moments later, though, the Blast scores again — No. 5 — and Kool and The Gang's "celebrate" rocks and echoes off the empty spaces. Tim Leiwecke has nothing if not the best sound system in indoor soccer.

"That's one thing about this league," he says, standing now on the stage, surveying his dominion. "You can think up third things for promotions and go ahead and do them. Although I'm not sure they're ready for 'I'm Coming Out'."

"No question we're getting classier," says goalie Sep Gattenheimer in the postgame locker room, sprawled across from a tacked-up "Baltimore Sun" clipping that reads "poor attendance could send Colts packing."

"It's all first-class. Phoenix is great, so's Denver. Even Buffalo. San Francisco and Cleveland are a little shaky. But we're treated well. The fans enjoy it. I wouldn't play in the outdoor league now even if they asked." Not so with Neil Cohen, heading for Dallas at the end of this season. "Got to try," says Cohen, whose wife sings "God Bless America" at each game. "If it doesn't work, I make a beeline back here."

At the final buzzer, a Blast player kicks the ball around the boards in the corner and a Hellion player chases it. The artificial carpet tears loose and the Hellion trips on the edge, like someone stumbling over a welcome mat. The Hellions are the runt of this litter, and tonight they've been beaten, 5-2.

As soon as the carpet is cleared, though, an amateur game begins, men in their early 20s in an intramural league. Some of the kids who played earlier strolled around for the show. Wives and friends fill up a couple of rows. "Did you know that \$5,000 kids play soccer in the Baltimore area?" says Tim Leiwecke, heading for something called the VIP lounge. And still smiling.

Leiwecke, at 24 the promotion savant, is everything Willie Loman wasn't. Gray-flanneled pitchman, Burnam in blazer. Ex-ace life insurance salesman (they called him rookie of the year). Carter campaign manager in '76 in Missouri (he carried the State). The face of a 12th-grader just re-elected to the student council. You probably wouldn't buy a used car from him, but it wouldn't make any difference, because he's just sold a model that's half-Eldorado, half-Jeep to a city badly in need of a vehicle for professional sport.

Sitting at a plastic-wood desk in a windowless red cinderblock office filled with more orange soccer balls, he faces a financial bath at the box office tonight — Hartford is this league's flop team — But he still can't keep the smile off his face. Something about orange soccer balls, heavy advance sales, good media attention, an adoring office staff and a perfect conjunction of the promoter's planets. It seems too easy.

This brings me to the second question. Undoubtedly, all three players probably would have become good players had they stayed here. But, they would not have become as good as they are now because there are not the same opportunities here for a player to develop as there are in certain overseas countries. Many local players who don't make the move overseas probably never reach their full potential. One only has to look at a player like John Kosmina who established his reputation here and then moved overseas. He failed to make the grade at the very top. This is not meant to denigrate Kosmina in any way. It simply confirms the notion that in order to get to the top, one has to spend one's formative years overseas.

Another example which shows Australia to be an unfavourable environment for developing soccer potential to the utmost is provided by Josef Venglos. He spent a number of years in Sydney as a coach but his voice was like a voice crying in the wilderness. He returned to his native Czechoslovakia and was assistant national team manager, in 1976 when Czechoslovakia became European champions. He currently is national team manager.

It all goes to show that, given the right conditions, the best tend to rise to the top. It is obvious that, at the moment, the conditions in Australia are not right. We are making progress but it will take a long time and a great deal of effort before we can produce world stars in our own back yard.

## What about Votava?

By WALTER PLESS

Two questions need to be asked about our expatriate 'Australian' soccer stars if we are to soothe the national conscience, which tends to be troubled every time a Johnston, Caton or Votava appears. The first is: are they 'dinkum' Aussies anyway? The second is, would they have reached the top had they stayed in Australia?

The three players mentioned all were born overseas and spent only part of their childhood in Australia. We can't really blame them for playing for another country's national team, therefore. Some newspaper reports don't even refer to Johnston as an Australian, they call him a South African, and that is where he was born. Caton was born in England, while Votava, whose parents are Czechoslovakian, lived in Sydney as a teenager and then migrated with his parents, to West Germany. Their reason for leaving Australia was so that their son could pursue a professional soccer career. His success must have beyond even their expectations!

There must be quite a number of Australians overseas striving to reach the top in their particular fields of endeavour. We seldom recognise their efforts until they reach the top. It is then we proclaim them to be Australian and claim them as our very own. Alan Jones, world motor racing champion, is a notable example.

The television program 'Sixty Minutes' recently featured Craig Johnston. He was playing with Middlebrook when the film was made, but he will be a Liverpool player next season. Tommy Caton of Manchester City is another expatriate 'Australian' who has made the big time.

For every Australian who 'makes it', as the three mentioned above did, there must be many more who are still striving, and many will never make it. We will recognise them as Australians only when they succeed. This smacks of hypocrisy.

One 'Australian' soccer player few people here have heard of, and one who surely deserves more recognition, is Miroslav Votava.

As a player, he is probably superior to Johnston. He plays for Borussia Dortmund in the West German Bundesliga and he already has won several full caps for West Germany. He made his debut in a 3-1 away win against the USSR in Kiev a couple of seasons ago. He played for West Germany in the recent Mundialito in Uruguay.

Has Australia allowed another star to slip through its net?







# Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP MARCONI



From left, standing: Tony Henderson (from Carbarra City, 1978), Drago Tomaseich (from juniors), Paul Degney (joined 1972, ex-Melita, St George, Sutherland), Allan Maher (from Sutherland 1975), Jim Muir (from Adelaide City 1980), Mark Jankovics (from St George, 1978), Bertie Martini (from juniors), Ron Corry (from Manly, 1978), Dennis Colusso (from juniors), Gary Byrne (from Marconi, 1978), Peter Shanno (from Marconi, 1978), Eddie Krncevic (from Essendon Croatia, 1978), Ivo Prskalo (from Valex Mostar, 1977).  
Inset: Peter Borgan, top left (from juniors), Joe Piccone top right, (from Footscray, 1981).

Marconi has been among the league leaders since the PSL started in 1977, it won the championship in 1979 and the Philips Cup in 1980. The club has six members of the present Soccerco squad — Peter Shanno, Eddie Krncevic, Ivo Prskalo, Mark Jankovics, Tony Henderson, and Allan Maher. Former Soccerco at the club are: Paul Degney, Jim Muir, Ron Corry, Gary Byrne and Joe Piccone, while Dennis Colusso is in the national youth squad. Marconi was promoted to the NSW First Division in 1979, when Les Scheinflug was player-coach. Marconi men have won two Australian Player of the Year awards (Jimmy Rooney and Ivo Prskalo), two Coach of the Year awards (Rale Rasic and Scheinflug) and an Australian Under 21 Player of the Year award (Eddie Krncevic).



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**SOCCER ACTION**









St. Alban's star recruit Bill McIntyre, during his days at Croatia, is tackled by Juventus defender George Kinnell. At left is Jock Goodwin.



McIntyre at Macedonia — looking on (left) as team mate Stefan Trajkovski climbs over Hellenic striker Jim Armstrong. In the background is Jim Mackay.



Striking a dancing pose with Sunshine's Stewart Gilmour, while playing for Albion Rovers.

# St. Albans gets McIntyre, Kreskas to Thomastown

## The Victorian Scene

St. Albans is elated over the signing of Bill McIntyre from Albion Rovers.

McIntyre has the experience to guide Saints' younger players and he still has a nose for goal. He played many seasons with the great Croatia team of the sixties. One of his most memorable matches was in interstate Ampol Cup final in which he scored a hat-trick. Among his team mates at Croatia were Jimmy Mackay, Billy Vojtek, Horst Rau, Bill McArthur, Hugh Gunn, Frank Bot and Mike Kovacek. McIntyre joined South Melbourne Hellas when Croatia was expelled from the VFF in 1972, and then went to Preston Macedonia before switching to Albion Rovers.

Thomastown, one of Victoria's most successful teams last season, has been strengthened further by the signing of striker George Kreskas from Ringwood Wilhelmina.

He is one of two new players at Thomastown. The other is Tony Cosentino, a midfielder or defender from Regent. Cosentino was best on the ground in Thomastown's first two matches this year. With Marcello D'Amico as sports director last season, Thomastown won titles galore — firsts and reserves championships. Divisions are Two of the Provisional League, the Provisional League Reserves Cup, the Peninsula Cup in which it beat Doveton, Frankston and Rosedale, the Diamond Creek Cup, the Ringwood City Cup.

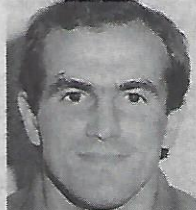
and, at the end of the year, the prestigious Coppa Italia, beating State League team Juventus 3-1 in the final. Two goals in that final were scored by one of Thomastown's most promising youngsters, Sav Magno, 16, in whom Preston Macedonia has shown interest.

In a practice game at Macedonia, he scored four goals against the defensive partnership of Jim O'Reilly and Peter Ollerton. Thomastown coach Peter Balassone, (ex-Juventus) is expecting another superb season because of the wealth of talent at his disposal. There's Vince Tavoraro, for example, top scorer with 10 last season.

Gary Brookes, formerly with Juventus, is back after a serious back injury which required 40 stitches, and Frank Dallas, best and fairest player in the Coppa Italia last year, also has recovered from injury.

Goalkeeper Mauro Raponi had only 13 goals scored against him last year, and midfielder Harry Papadopoulos, the club's best and fairest in 1980, finished runner-up to Joe Szabo for the second successive time in the league best player voting.

Thomastown president is Nick Iacubucci. \*\*\* Vic Salvatore — nick-named Salvatore after the Uruguayan ace — has joined Bullen for Juventus. Although only 16, he sat on the senior bench for



Lucky Poropat

Juventus a few times last year.

Another new player at Bullen is Paul Testa, a midfielder-defender from Broadmeadows. Bullen expects big things from his right winger, Laurie Baratta, who is described as one of the best prospects in the lower leagues.

He and Salvatore will get expert guidance from joint coaches Carlo Graser and Marcello D'Amico, and from established stars Pat and Sam Saladino, Adrian Spadaro, Steve Zecchin, and goalkeeper Lucky Poropat, formerly of Juventus and Essendon Croatia.

\*\*\* District League Third Division club Cranbourne has stolen the march on George Cross by signing Graham Tuttil, who played Southern League soccer in England after playing at Hull City, came to Australia to join George Cross but was persuaded by Cranbourne coach Bill Milne to join the District League club instead. Coach Milne played for George Cross in the late sixties before moving on to Springfield, Brighton and North Dandenong.

Tuttil is part of probably the most impressive recruiting campaign yet undertaken in the District League. Other new players at Cranbourne are: • Neil Collyer, sweeper, from State League club Doveton, formerly top scorer of Croatia in Adelaide; • Mick Ryan, forward, and Darko Kmet, midfielder, from Chelsea.

• Midfielder Bobby Witherspoon from Rosebud. • Right back Steve Storey from Doveton; • John Field, midfielder who has played for Monash University and Waverley City. They have been added to a talented nucleus which includes Milne, goalkeeper John van Pollen, left back Hugh Cameron, centre half Bill van Pollen, strikers Dale Johnson and Trevor Cronin and 15-year-old Nick Platt. Cranbourne switched on its four new, 2000-watt floodlights at its O'Toole's Road ground yesterday (Tuesday), and they are among the very best in Melbourne.

The club also has good clubrooms and a small gym big enough for four or five-a-side soccer. In fact Cranbourne is so well equipped it intends applying for any Metropolitan League vacancy that may come up.

Ardeer has retained Mike Olinowski as senior coach and has been joined by Mike Wisniewski, an amateur who played at Western Suburbs a few years ago.

Fred Kuzinski is coaching the under 10s and under 11s, while Marian Sowula has the under 14s. Established players include

George Orlinski, Henry Czernecki, John Dykun, Marian Adamczewicz and Emin Kamil.

\*\*\* It's a long way down when you drop from the Metro Third Division to the Provisional Second Division. Just ask anyone at Ballarat Soccer club.

It doesn't help when you don't get co-operation from the local Ballarat and District Soccer League but things are changing.

As the flag bearer for the city of Ballarat, Ballarat soccer club's plan to use the local league as a nursery from which to pluck promising young players and allow them to gain experience in the more competitive Provisional Second Division, seems to be working at last.

Ballarat is concentrating on young players in its plan to jump up to First Division and start its assault on the Metro Leagues once more.

Ricky Ramein, a 20-year-old keeper, Wayne McKnight, a 20-year-old defender, Gary Green, a 22-year-old defensive midfielder, George Horvatek, a 24-year-old striker and winger Donald Gunn, 23 are at the forefront of Ballarat's youth policy.

Backed by the experience of former Sandringham striker

John Kennedy and coached by long-serving former player Harry Arts, Ballarat is confident of doing well in 1981. New clubrooms combining changing and social areas have been completed and Ballarat boasts one of the best grounds in the state.

The club will host this year's under-14 championships for country regions in May.

Promising 14-year-old Andrew Lewis, who trialled with the Victorian under-13's last year, is gaining experience in the reserves which also feature three 15-year-olds.

It shouldn't be long before the seniors gain the benefit of Ballarat's promising crop of youngsters.

\*\*\* Metro Fourth Division club Moorabbin is on the look-out for strikers to complete its 1981 squad.

Coached by former Park Rangers player John Clemie, Moorabbin is keen to return to the Third Division status it lost in 1977.

Formed in the early 50's Moorabbin has always been in the lower reaches of the Metro Leagues but with Ivan Mills and Mark West recruited from Park Rangers this year the club is confident of success.

## DOCKERTY CUP

The first main round of the Dockerty Cup has been postponed until the weekend 16/17 May, and the draw is:

Hakoah v Frankston Pines, Croydon City v Werribee, Polonia v Coburg, Altona City v Prahran City, Juventus v Austria, Box Hill v Morwell Falcons, Northcote City v Altona Gate, George Cross v Kew Park Rangers, Sunshine City v Footscray, Doveton v Mornington, Essendon Croatia v Melbourne, Slavia v Fawkner, Ringwood City v Springvale City, Green Gully v Albion Rovers, Frankston City v Keysborough, Western Suburbs v Preston.

The third round of the Harry Armstrong (Reserve) cup will be played on the weekend 16/17 May, 1981 and the draw is: Western Suburbs v Eltham, Austria v Frankston City, Green Gully v Heidelberg United, Moorabbin City v Port Melbourne, Kew Park Rangers v Slavia, Ardeer v Albion Rovers, Frankston Pines v Croydon City, Hakoah v Juventus.

## Bell Park triumph

A total of 4231 spectators watched the recent Geelong Advertiser Cup, won by Bell Park which beat Hamlyn Rangers 1-0 in the final.

The competition was run over nine evenings and each competing team received a \$457 share of the gate after expenses. Bell Park received \$750 prize money plus cups and medals and Hamlyn Rangers received \$250 prize money and medals.

All the games were played on Wednesday and Friday nights at Bell Park's ground. GROUP 'A' results: Week one: Hamlyn Rangers v Bell Park 1-0, West Victoria v West Geelong 2-1.

Week two: Bell Park v West Geelong 8-0, Hamlyn Rangers v West Victoria 5-1.

Week three: Bell Park v West Victoria 6-0, West Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers 1-0. GROUP 'B' RESULTS: Week one: Corio v Hamlyn Rangers

2-0, Geelong v Nth Geelong 2-2.

Week two: Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers 3-0, Corio v Nth Geelong 2-1.

Week three: Geelong v Corio 1-0, N. Geelong v Hamlyn Rangers 2-1.

FINAL TABLES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bell Park	2	0	1	14	1	4
Hamlyn Rangers	2	0	1	6	2	4
West Victoria	0	0	1	3	12	2
West Geelong	0	0	1	2	10	2
Geelong	2	0	1	8	5	5
Corio	2	0	1	2	4	4
N. Geelong	1	1	1	5	3	3
Ham. Rangers	0	0	3	1	6	0

Semi-finals: Bell Park 1 Corio 0, Geelong 1 Hamlyn Rangers 2. Final: Bell Park 1 Hamlyn Rangers 0. Referee: David Yelland. Linesmen: Dennis Melbourne Joe Cappadona.

SOCCER COACHING COURSE

Πολύ σύντομα θα γινεστεί προπονητής κ. Μανώλης Που λικάνης θα παραδώσει μαθήματα τεχνικής ποδοσφαίρου και θα διδάσκει στους 3000 COACHING COURSE για το ποδοσφαίρο ενδοεπαγγελματίες να έλθουν σε επαφή με τον αθλητικό χώρο της Ν.Π.Α.Ε. Η Ν.Π.Α.Ε. θα διδάσκει αυτό, έτσι συνιστά περνούσαν από τις εξετάσεις, μεταπαράδωκεν οχτώ στην Ελλάδα και μπορούν οι ενδιαφερόμενοι να το χρησιμοποιήσουν και στην Ελλάδα.

Οι γνώσεις του κ. Πουλκάνης έχει το δικαίωμα να διδάσκει μαθήματα ποδοσφαίρου από την Ποδοσφαιρική Ομοσπονδία της Ελλάδας.

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

## SELECTIONS

Selections by Craig MacKenzie.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION 1: Saturday: Austria v Knox City (draw), MORWELL FALCONS v Western Suburbs, B. Hill v Moreland, KEW PARK RANGERS v Altona Gate.

Sunday: Slavia v Polonia (draw), Richmond v Albion Rovers.

DIVISION 2: Saturday: Springvale City v FAWKNER, MELBOURNE v Ardeer, DONCASTER ROVERS v Macedonia, South Melbourne v Dandenong City (draw), Frankston Pines v Waverley City (draw), Heidelberg United v J.U.S.T.

DIVISION 3: Saturday: Heidelberg v BROADMEADOWS CITY, BELL PARK v Yallourn, Port Melbourne v RINGWOOD UNITED, WERRIBEE v Eltham, St. Albans v Coburg (draw), PRAHRAN City v Corio.

DIVISION 4: Saturday: NORTH DANDENONG v Monash University, SANDRINGHAM City v Mornington, Sunbury United v Nunawading United (draw), ROYAL PARK v Keysborough, BRIGHTON v Chelsea, Ferntree Gully v Moorabbin City (draw).

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE

DIVISION 1: CAULFIELD City v Carlton, THOMASTOWN v Geelong, HOTHAM UNITED v Melton, Greensborough v SOUTH OAKLEIGH, Hamlyn Rangers v Rosebud (draw), MOOROOLBARK v Essendon City.

DIVISION 2: Clayton v KARINGALL UNITED, NORTH GEELONG v Nunawading United, SHEPPARTON City v South Yarra, East Brunswick v HAWKSBURG, Hawthorn Citizens v Ballarat (draw), LANGWARRIN v Laun United.

DIVISION 3: BERWICK v Bullen, CLIFTON HILL v University of Melbourne, Kyneton v YARRAVILLE, Moe United v Boronia (draw), Rosanna v Regent (draw).

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Sunday: DIVISION 1: Brunswick City v Postle Institute (draw), AB-BOTSFOOT TASIA v South Dandenong, CHATELHAM v MITCHAM UNITED, Altona United v Moonee Ponds (draw), CENTRAL CITY v Burnley, Monbulk v MALVERN CITY.

DIVISION 2: ASCOT UNITED v Central Brunswick, EAST CARLTON v Hampton Wanderers, North Sunshine v CLARINDA, VERMONT v West Geelong, Bendigo v North Melbourne (draw), WEST BRUNSWICK v Pascoe Vale.

DIVISION 3: Diamond Creek v Barmston United (draw), Murrumbidgee United v CRANBOURNE, PARKMORE v Baxter, WEST UNITED v Belacava, Port United v MOSSFIELD RANGERS.

CENTRAL AMATEUR LEAGUE

Sunday: DIVISION 1: R.M.I.T. v MACLEOD UNITED, ENDEAVOUR HILLS v Latrobe University, Chesham v BALWYN CITY, Lyndale United v Meadow Park (draw), Melbourne Uni. Amateurs v Hosa United (draw), Bundoora v MCCABBI HAKOAH.

DIVISION 2: Concord v HOLLAND PARK, KOYONG RANGERS v Mulgrave, RAAF MELBOURNE v St. Marks, West United v Epping Thistle (draw), Waverley United v DINGLEY, Albert Park v Westall (draw).



# Philips League Club Directory

## ADELAIDE GIANTS

P.O. BOX 534, NORWOOD, S.A., 5067  
**SECRETARY:** C. Picarello (08) 223 0230 (Bus).

**COACH:** B. D'Ottavi  
**GROUND:** Olympic Sportsfield, Kensington  
 (08) 332 5614, 332 5618

**COLOURS:** Black, white

This week's match: v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



## LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

38-42 FRAZER ST, LEICHHARDT, 2040

**SECRETARY:** H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

**COACH:** W. Wallace

**GROUND:** Lambert Park, 569 6845 (match day)

**PROMOTION OFFICER:** T. Raciti 82 0187

**COLOURS:** Maroon, sky blue



This week's match: v **WOLLONGONG WOLVES** at Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm.

## ADELAIDE HAWKS

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE, SA, 5001

**SECRETARY:** P. Stilianopolous (08) 352 1494

**COACH:** B. Birch

**GROUND:** Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St.

**COLOURS:** Blue white stripes, blue shorts

**SPONSOR:** Dominion Finance

This week's match: v **MARCONI LEOPARDS** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



## NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

4 NORTHWOOD ST, ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, 2289

**SECRETARY:** P. Trisley (049) 24 930 (Bus)

**COACH:** A. VEST

**GROUND:** International Sports Centre,  
 Turton Rd, New Lambton (049) 52 1224

**SPONSOR:** Tooth & Co, Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v **STH MELBOURNE GUNNERS** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



## BLACKTOWN DEMONS

62 SEVEN HILLS ROAD NORTH, SEVEN HILLS 2147

624 3344

**SECRETARY:** P. R. Thorne (624 3344)

**COACH:** R. Rasic

**GROUND:** Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Ave, Seven Hills

**COLOURS:** White, red blk trim  
 Black, red white trim Black, red white

This week's match: v **PRESTON RAMS** at Conner Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



## MARCONI LEOPARDS

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, NSW 2176

**SECRETARY:** M. Urukalo (02) 604 5095

604 5222

**COACH:** R. Bianco

**GROUND:** Marconi Stadium, Marconi Rd, Bossley Park

**COLOURS:** White & red, blue trim

**SPONSOR:** Datsun

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE HAWKS** at Marconi Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



## BRISBANE GLADIATORS

P.O. BOX 265 BROADWAY, BRISBANE 4001

Ph: 356 8834

**SECRETARY:** G. Canale (07) 52 4711

**COACH:** G. Potter

**GROUND:** Spencer Park

**SPONSOR:** Stock 84 Brandy

This week's match: v **FOOTSCRAY EAGLES** at Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



## PRESTON RAMS

211 SMITH ST, FITZROY, VIC 3065

**SECRETARY:** P. Mouka 651 2401 **COACH:** B. Edgley

**GROUND:** B. T. Connor Reserve, Cnr Radford Rd & Broadhurst Ave,

**COLOURS:** Red, black, gold Reservoir.

This week's match: v **BLACKTOWN DEMONS** at Conner Reserve (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

## BRISBANE LIONS

P.O. BOX 310 DARRA, QLD, 4076

**SECRETARY:** L. Oudendyk

**COACH:** M. Carson

**GROUND:** Lions Stadium, Pine Rd., Richlands  
 (07) 372 2989

**COLOURS:** Orange and Blue

This week's match: v **ADELAIDE GIANTS** at Olympic Sports Field (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.



## STH. MELBOURNE GUNNERS

P.O. BOX 64, ST KILDA WEST, Vic, 3182

**SECRETARY:** N. Sagiakos, 528 6196 (Bus)

**COACH:** J. Margaritis (Restaurant 534 4141)

**GROUND:** Middle Park Stadium, Middle Park.

534 5408, 534 5462

**COLOURS:** Blue and white.

This week's match: v **NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.



## CANBERRA ARROWS

P.O. BOX 910 CANBERRA CITY, ACT 2601 (062) 48 8215

**SECRETARY:** R. Preston 48 8215

**COACH:** G. Murray

**GROUND:** National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

**SPONSOR:** "Lotto"

**COLOURS:** White with multi colour stripes

This week's match: v **SYDNEY OLYMPIANS** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.



## SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

P.O. BOX 291 WATERLOO, N.S.W. 2017

**SECRETARY:** N. Smilis 88 1337

**COACH:** T. Docherty

**GROUND:** Pratten Park

**COLOURS:** Royal blue, white

This week's match: v **CANBERRA ARROWS** at Bruce Stadium (Canberra) Sunday 3 pm.



## HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

**MANAGER:** O. Norris 792 9348 (Bus) 459 4652 (AH)

**SECRETARY:** S. Rombotis 428 3720

**COACH:** J. Rooney

**GROUND:** Olympic Park (03) 42 0642

**COLOURS:** Blk and gold

This week's match: v **SYDNEY SLICKERS** at Sydney Athletic Field (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



## SYDNEY SLICKERS

61 HALL ST, BONDI, N.S.W. 2026

**SECRETARY:** D. Childs (02) 30 3344 (Bus)

(AH) 525 7734

**COACH:** E. Thomson

**GROUND:** Sydney Sports Ground

**SPONSOR:** Presto Smallgoods

**COLOURS:** Sky blue, white hoops (White shorts) red socks

This week's match: v **HEIDELBERG WARRIORS** at Sydney Athletic Field (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



## FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

**SECRETARY:** L. Tanovski, 470 4734

**COACH:** C. Cirkovic

**GROUND:** Schintler Reserve, Footscray Road, Footscray

**COLOURS:** Blue, white, red.

This week's match: v **BRISBANE GLADIATORS** at Spencer Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.



## WOLLONGONG WOLVES

P.O. BOX 1706 WOLLONGONG

**SECRETARY:** R. Drake (042) 29 2018 (Bus)

**COACH:** K. Morton

**GROUND:** Wollongong Showgrounds

**COLOURS:** Red, white trim

This week's match: v **LEICHHARDT STRIKERS** at Wollongong Showgrounds (Wollongong) Sunday 3 pm.